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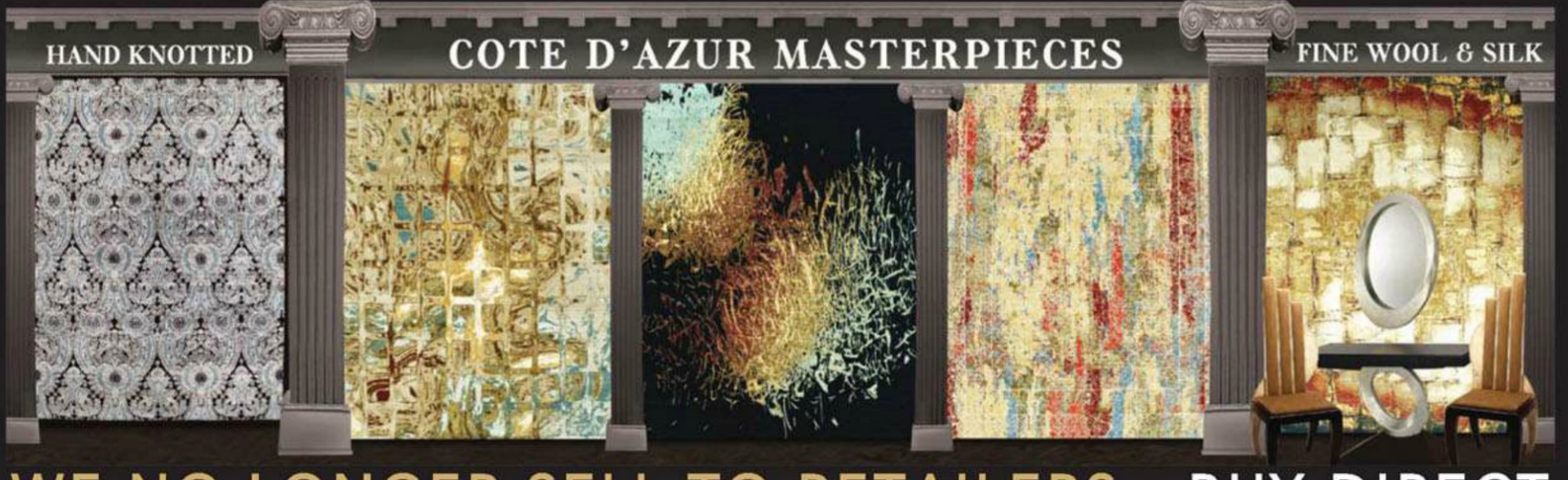

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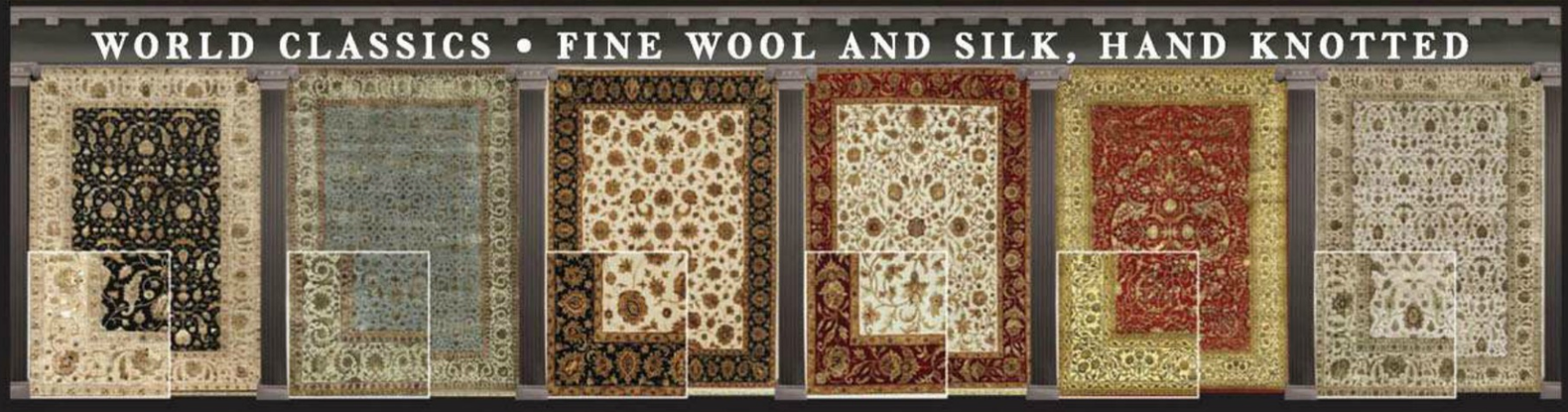

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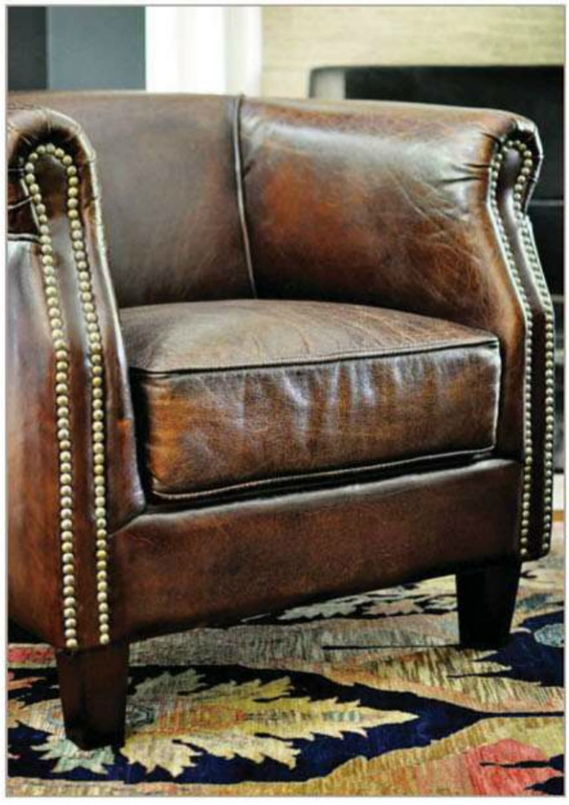

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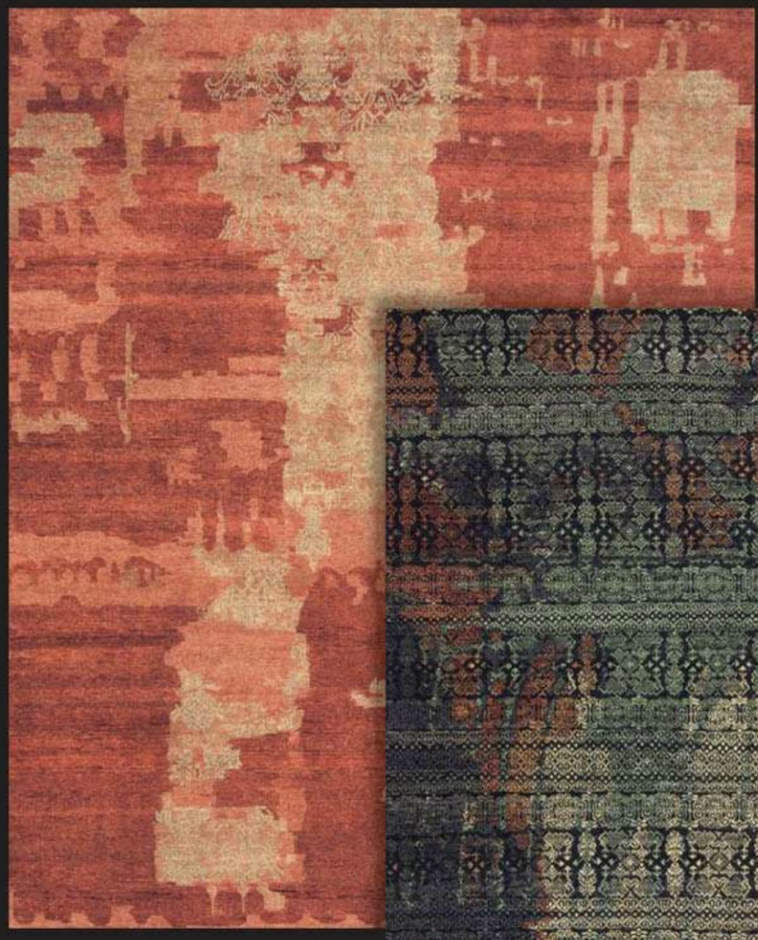

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Today, beige has returned to centre stage, and it's grown up a lot since the '90s, even learning from its mistakes. This neutral can no longer be described as lacklustre and devoid of character; the new beige is rich and velvety and has a kiss of grey. It's time for decor lovers to join me and stand up and say "We love beige!" Are you with me?

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TANYA WATSON, VIA EMAIL

WHITE IS **RIGHT**

I'm so glad that the July 2012 issue of *Style at Home* was about decorating with white! I bought a house in March and the first thing I did was have the whole house painted in Benjamin Moore's Decorators White. Everyone (including the painters) thought I was crazy but now that I've furnished it, they love it. I even put up a white clock on my library's white walls to keep the room feeling restful. Thanks for the validation and keep up the good work!

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Thank you for the July 2012 issue of *Style at Home*! I love white spaces and am constantly defending my all-white art gallery-inspired walls, so flipping through the pages of light-filled spaces was a total dream. Then I saw the stencilled mirror project you featured in Style News (page 33). I recently wrapped up a similar project of my own: stencilling a poem onto a discarded bathroom mirror. I love the magazine and look forward to every issue, but the way this one spoke to me was just so uncanny, I had to write in to gush!

TANYA WATSON, VIA EMAIL

WHITE IS **RIGHT**

I'm so glad that the July 2012 issue of *Style at Home* was about decorating with white! I bought a house in March and the first thing I did was have the whole house painted in Benjamin Moore's Decorators White. Everyone (including the painters) thought I was crazy but now that I've furnished it, they love it. I even put up a white clock on my library's white walls to keep the room feeling restful. Thanks for the validation and keep up the good work!

MARALYN SNOOK, VIA EMAIL

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Editor-in-chief **Erin McLaughlin** on set with Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman.

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Catch style and food editor **Tara Ballantyne** and design editor **Jessica Waks** on Citytv's *CityLine* on September 4. Check your local listings for showtimes or go to citytv.com/cityline.

WISH YOU **WERE HERE!**

Associate editor **Sara Cation** (right) made sure to get a picture with the striking Monique Lhuillier when she attended a preview for the designer's Waterford Collection at William Ashley on June 6.

The Monique Lhuillier Waterford Collection, available this October, embodies the same delicate and ethereal beauty of her coveted bridal wear.

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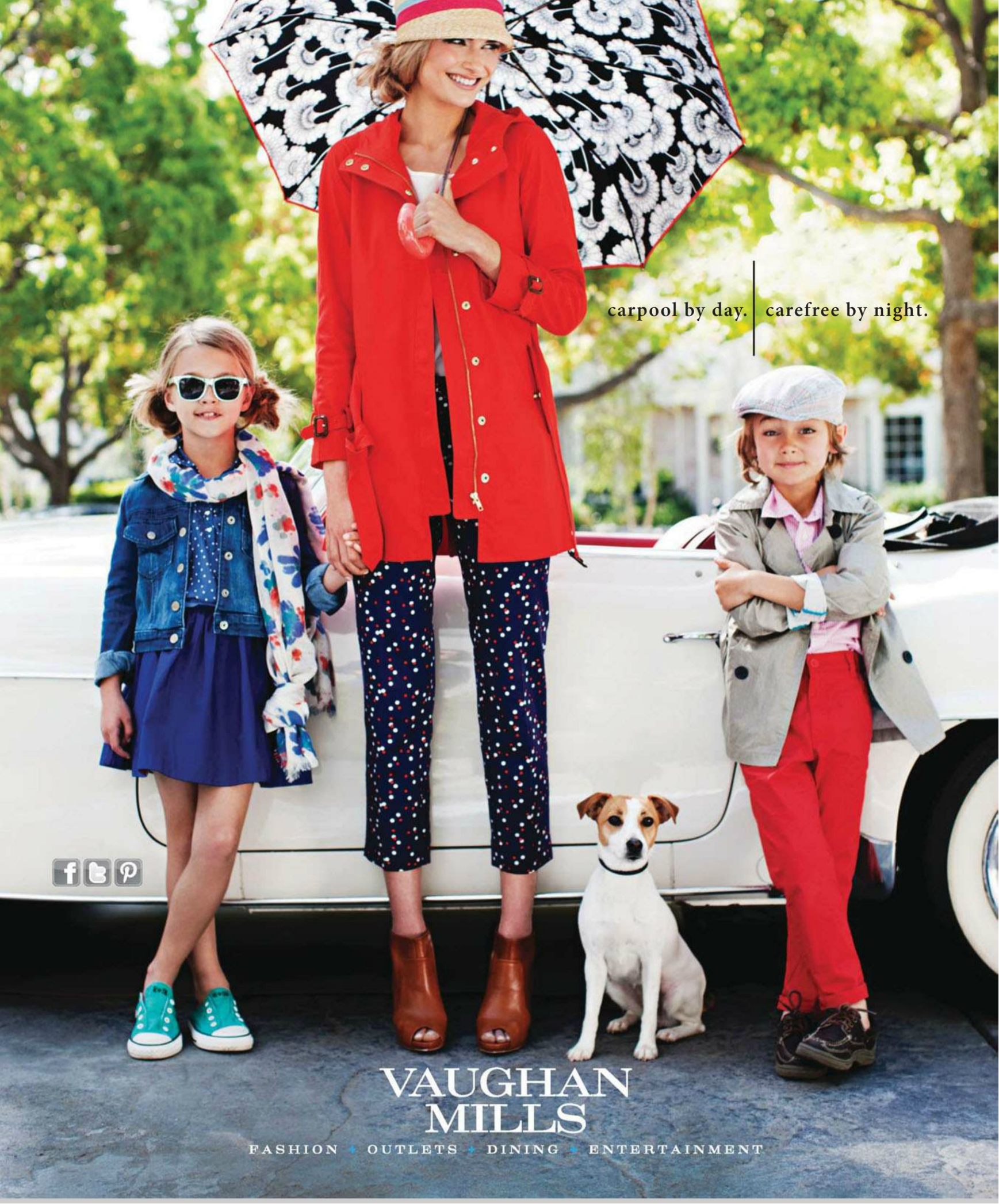
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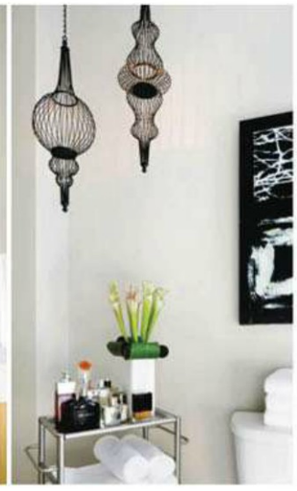

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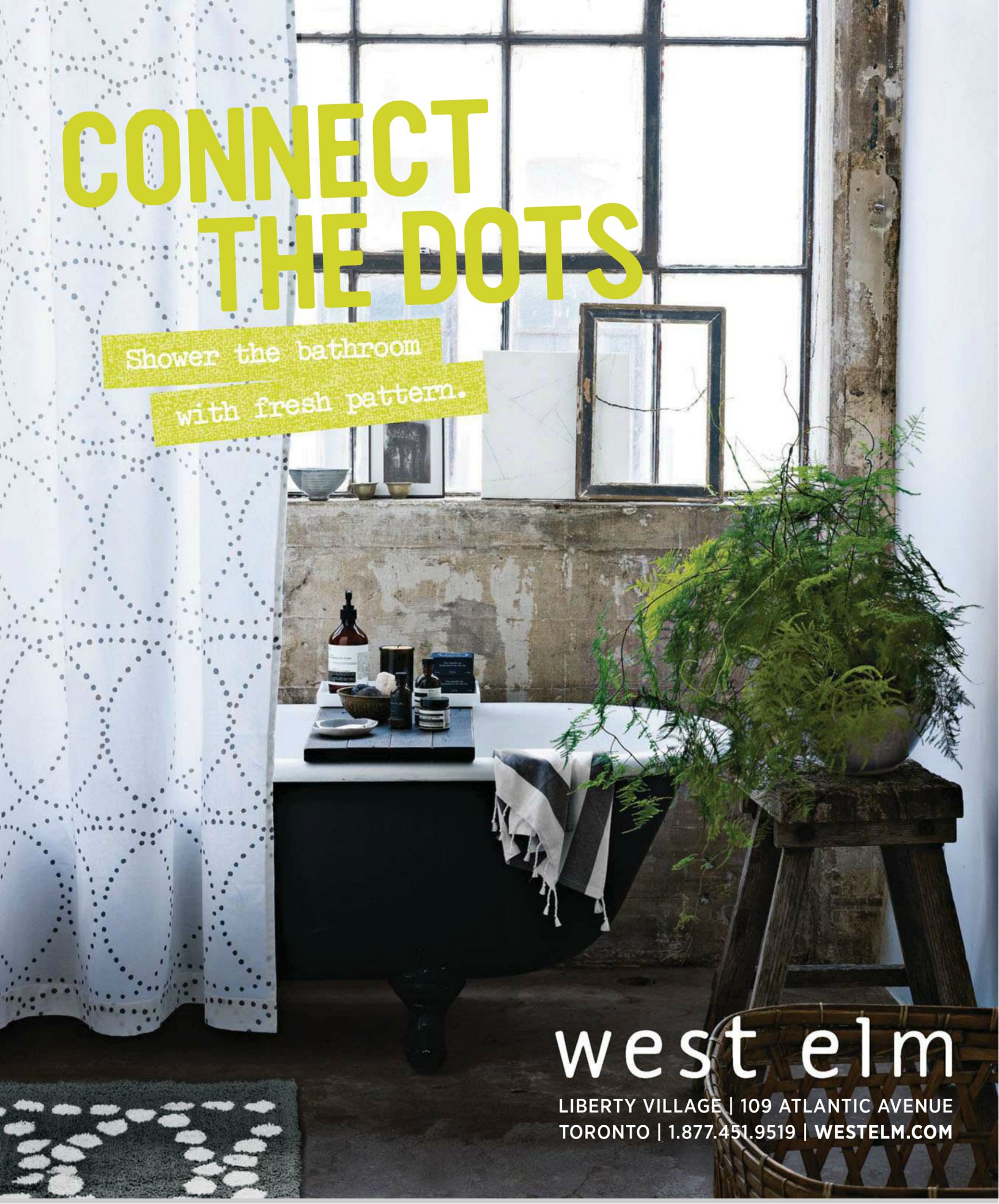
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GOOD AS GOLD

For this issue's project of the month, managing editor and resident crafter Catherine Therrien literally brings home the gold with a retro rotary phone revived in a coat of brilliant metallic paint.

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Rust-Oleum Specialty Metallic **SPRAY PAINT** in Gold, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca; Ödby **FRAME,** Malm **DRESSER,** IKEA, ikea.ca; *To Write the Story* **PRINT,** Sintwister, etsy.com/shop/sintwister; **TABLE LAMP,** HomeSense, homesense.ca; DiVoga clear acrylic **PENCIL HOLDER,** Grand & Toy, grandandtoy.com.

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HINT: THIS DESIGN HAS GOOD GENES.

1.
HINT: THIS DESIGN IS SEAMLESS.

1. What looks to be a quilted upholstered wall is actually clever *trompe l'oeil* printing on vinyl!

Osborne & Little Cabretta Vinyl **WALLPAPER** in W6336-01, $364 per roll, through designers, Primavera, primavera.ca.

2. Not just a pretty large-scale abstract, this design is a blend of colour flashes twisted into strands of DNA.

Trove Chroma **WALLPAPER** in 001, $14 per sq. ft., Mint Interiors, shop.mintinteriors.ca.

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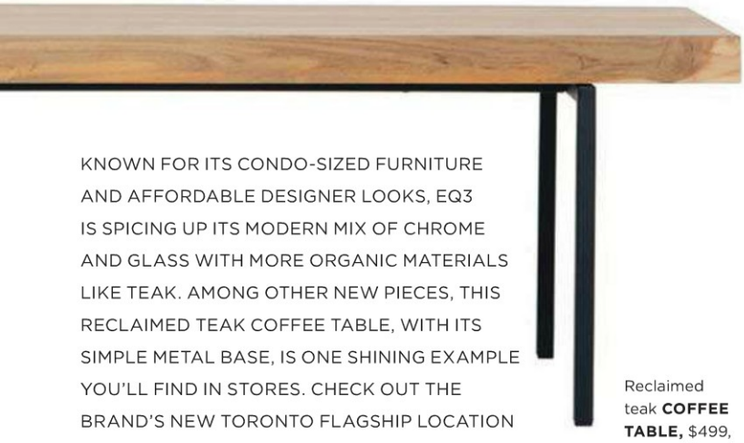


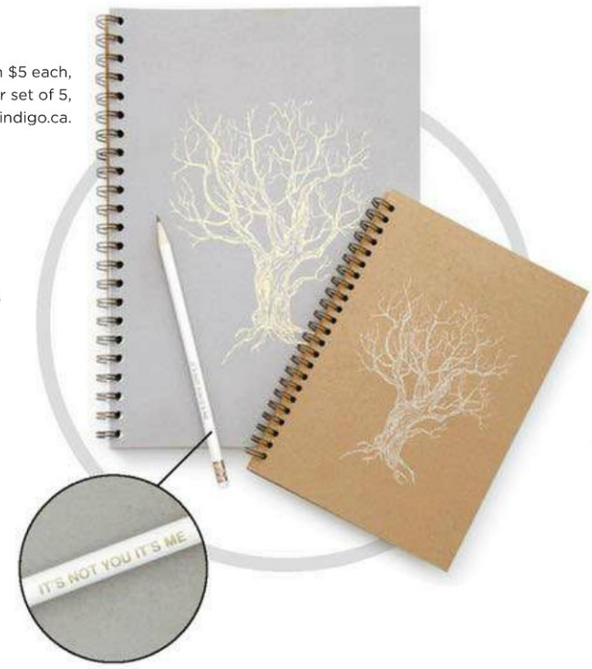
KNOWN FOR ITS CONDO-SIZED FURNITURE AND AFFORDABLE DESIGNER LOOKS, EQ3 IS SPICING UP ITS MODERN MIX OF CHROME AND GLASS WITH MORE ORGANIC MATERIALS LIKE TEAK. AMONG OTHER NEW PIECES, THIS RECLAIMED TEAK COFFEE TABLE, WITH ITS SIMPLE METAL BASE, IS ONE SHINING EXAMPLE YOU'LL FIND IN STORES. CHECK OUT THE BRAND'S NEW TORONTO FLAGSHIP LOCATION IN LIBERTY VILLAGE, OPENING THIS FALL.

Reclaimed teak **COFFEE TABLE,** $499, EQ3, eq3.com.

Bare Tree **NOTEBOOKS,** from $5 each, Dumpsville **PENCIL,** $10 per set of 5, Chapters, Indigo, indigo.ca.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Jot down important notes, appointments or even homework assignments in these nature-inspired spiral notebooks that will put you at the top of the class with their ethereal yet glam covers. Bonus marks if you use a pencil inscribed with a witty saying!



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Lenoria **BED,** from $29,480, Hästens, hastens.com.

LOW
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For the average budget, Hästens's coveted trademark checks are still within reach with its Original Collection of linens made of 100 percent cotton.

Original Collection standard **PILLOWCASE,** $65, queen **DUVET COVER,** $238, Hästens, hastens.com.

TIMBER!

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John Vogel **DINING CHAIRS** in Acorn/Charcoal, $359 each, West Elm, westelm.com.

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MERCEDES-BENZ

SOUP SET, $195, Porsche Design Toronto, porsche-design.com.

Mercedes-Benz Style MBS 003 **CHAIRS,** price available upon request, Formitalia, formitalia.it.

JESSICA'S PICK

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coat of arms

Toronto's Christine Flynn of Love The Design has reimagined a Quebec white pine stump into a conversation starter with a lick of black paint, layers of resin and a metallic gold Ontario coat of arms that oozes edgy glamour.

Black resin **STOOL,** $425, Love The Design, lovethedesign.com.

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Omega Natural Bristle **SHAVING BRUSH** in Yellow, $18 US, Schoolhouse Electric & Supply Co., schoolhouseelectric.com.

Jonathan Adler for Kohler Canvas undermount **SINK** in Piccadilly Yellow, $343, and DemiLav Wading Pool drop-in **SINK** in Piccadilly Yellow, $923, Kohler, kohler.ca.

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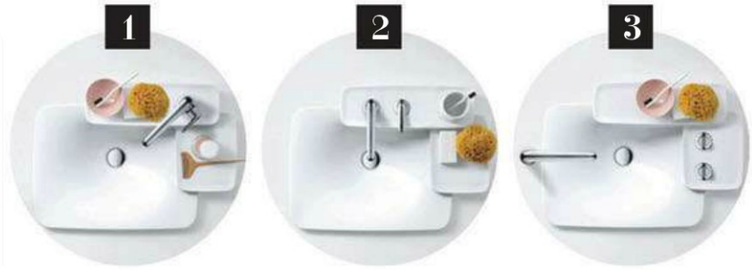
Axor Bouroullec **BATHROOM COLLECTION,** from $1,893, Hansgrohe, hansgrohe.ca.

Here are three different possibilities for this specific sink style. Check out more styles and the endless configurations at hansgrohe.ca.



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mini carrot loaves

A fluffy, delicate filling and a comforting blend of sweet and spice give a gourmet twist to this classic diner-style dessert.

As summer comes to a close and the evening breezes cool down, we start to crave something a little heartier in our dessert repertoire. Carrot cake is a classic favourite: Rich, creamy icing and sumptuous cake mingle harmoniously to create the ultimate comfort food. It's no wonder it's always held a prized spot in the diner display case, shown off to hungry customers like a precious jewel. Prepared in miniature loaf portions and moistened with smooth pumpkin, this carrot dessert is sure to delight. And as befits the month of September, its fluffy filling reminds us of the fresh, bright flavours of summer, while its savoury kick gives a subtle nod to the fantastic autumnal fare that's to come.

Indulge in Tara Ballantyne's sweet treats with more dessert recipes at **STYLEATHOME.COM/DESSERTOFTHEMONTH.**

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INGREDIENTS

MAKES 12 LOAVES

FOR CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tsp baking soda
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp salt
2 cups packed brown sugar
½ cup vegetable oil
1½ cups pumpkin purée
4 large eggs
2 cups grated carrot
½ cup sweetened coconut flakes
¾ cup golden raisins or walnuts (optional)

FOR FILLING

2 250-g packages cream cheese, softened
½ cup butter, softened
2 cups sifted icing sugar

1. TO MAKE THE CAKE, preheat the oven to 350°F and grease and flour mini loaf pans. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Mix the dry ingredients with a wire whisk to break up any lumps. In a large bowl, combine the brown sugar, oil, pumpkin purée, eggs and grated carrot with an electric mixer until fully combined. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet, ½ cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Stir in the coconut flakes and the raisins or walnuts, if using.

2. SPOON THE BATTER into the prepared loaf pans, filling them approximately three quarters of the way full. Bake on the centre rack of the oven for 25 to 28 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of the cakes comes out clean; allow to cool.

3. TO MAKE THE FILLING, cream together the cream cheese and butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Gradually stir in the icing sugar, beating constantly.

4. TO ASSEMBLE, slice the carrot loaves horizontally and spoon 2 tablespoons of the filling onto the bottom half of each loaf. Replace the top half and serve.

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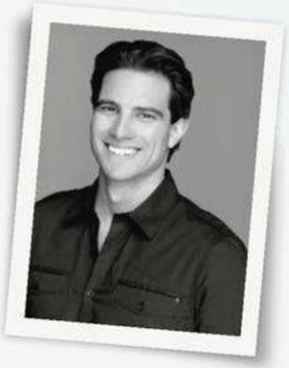
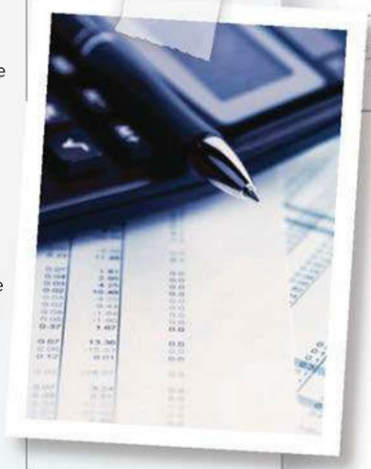


Planning and sticking to your budget can be the biggest challenge when renovating.

More than 30 percent of Canadian homeowners spend more than they plan to during renovations. If you aren't prepared, the process can become a rocky road. Here's my guide to navigating the terrain and ensuring yourself a smooth ride. **TEXT** SCOTT MCGILLIVRAY

stick to your limit

Setting a budget is the most important part of renovating. Price everything out first. Ask friends and family what they paid for their new bathroom or finished basement and try to learn from others' experiences – both good and bad. Be wise about your investment. Experts might advise you to keep your renovation between 20 to 30 percent of your home's market value to guarantee a return on your investment, but the real estate market has been crazy for the past decade and investing more than the typical rule of thumb can lead to greater profit if and when you sell. Buyers can spot a shoddy renovation so if you're going to spend more money, you need to guarantee that the workmanship is impeccable and that the materials used can garner the increased list price. If not, you could be sitting on a property for months as you watch your investment disappear in carrying costs while you wait for your home to sell.



set up a contingency fund

A good rule of thumb is to put aside an additional 20 percent of your budget to accommodate costs that will inevitably pop up. The cost of renovating can vary so much and you never know what you're going to find behind the walls. Making changes is allowed, but know when to draw the line and try to stick to as many big-ticket decisions as possible to avoid climbing material and labour costs.

scale it back

In a poll by the Royal Bank of Canada, the most common renovating complaint from homeowners was going over budget. If you're new to the game, you might not have the expertise or the time to manage your budget effectively. Scaling back is not as hard as people make it out to be. You can still get an amazing look without forking over the big bucks. I always advise people to use an inexpensive tile, for instance, to avoid paying higher than necessary prices for materials. When your renovation is complete, don't be shy about inviting a realtor in for an evaluation. If you've managed to stay roughly on budget and on time, you might be very pleasantly surprised by the result.

know where your money is going

After you've met, checked references and secured a written estimate from at least three licensed, insured and bonded contractors, be meticulous when it comes to drafting the contract. The bigger the project, the greater the chance that it may go over budget, so have your expectations clearly established from the start. Discuss an estimated time frame for the job, settle the payment terms, secure warranties and even talk about how your existing property will be protected once the work begins. Most importantly, write it all down and watch out for the low-ball quote. If you think it's too good to be true, it usually is. Get a detailed breakdown and scope of work and define anything that might be considered an "extra," such as upgrading the quality of the paint used. If you're doing the work yourself, keep a detailed account of all of your expenses and receipts so you can stick to your set budget.

Scott McGillivray is the host of HGTV's *Income Property*. Catch back-to-back episodes Thursdays at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on HGTV.

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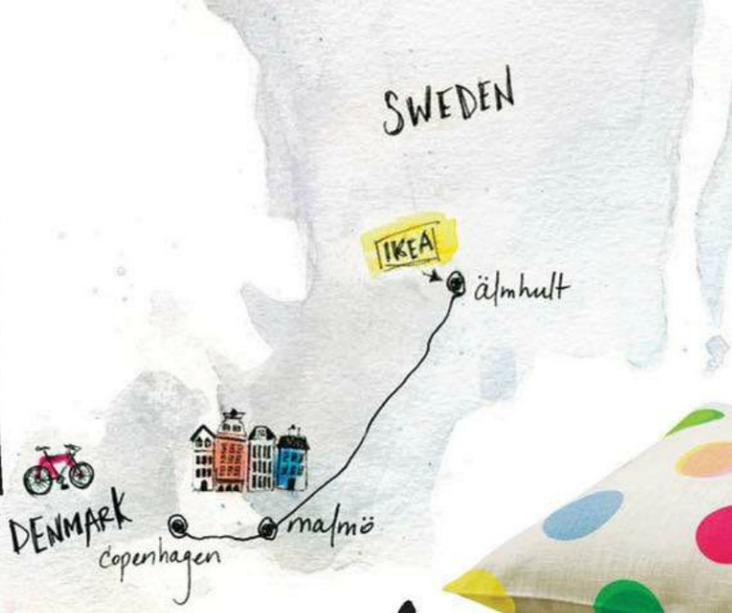
IKEA PS 2012 **CANDLESTICK**, $20.



PS, I Love You

Tara's newest Scandi colour crush.

IKEA PS 2012 **CUSHION COVER**, $9.

Style at Home's intrepid style and food editor Tara Ballantyne takes a Scandinavian voyage of discovery to uncover the secrets behind IKEA's latest creative endeavour, the PS Collection 2012.

Every so often a group of up-and-coming international designers are approached by IKEA to create a collection that excites and inspires the decorating world. When the company unveiled its newest line to the media this summer, Scandi-chic editor Tara Ballantyne hopped on a transatlantic flight almost faster than her Swedish Hasbeens could carry her, eager to make the acquaintance of the talented artists behind the scenes and learn what makes this collection so unique.

Tara steps into Malmö, Sweden, the first stop on her tour to preview IKEA's seventh PS Collection.

Nike Karlsson with the tables he created with fellow designer Jon Karlsson.

IKEA PS 2012 **NEST OF TABLES**, $99 per set of 3.

Anyone who thinks of Scandinavia in shades of grey, white and pale blue might get a shock at the true colours of the region. Vibrant reds, brilliant yellows, deep indigos and emerald greens are what greets the eye in Copenhagen and Stockholm. These pop art tones, which take their cue from the lovely cityscapes, are evident in much of modern Scandi design, seen alongside the whites and warm wood tones that we commonly identify with Nordic style.

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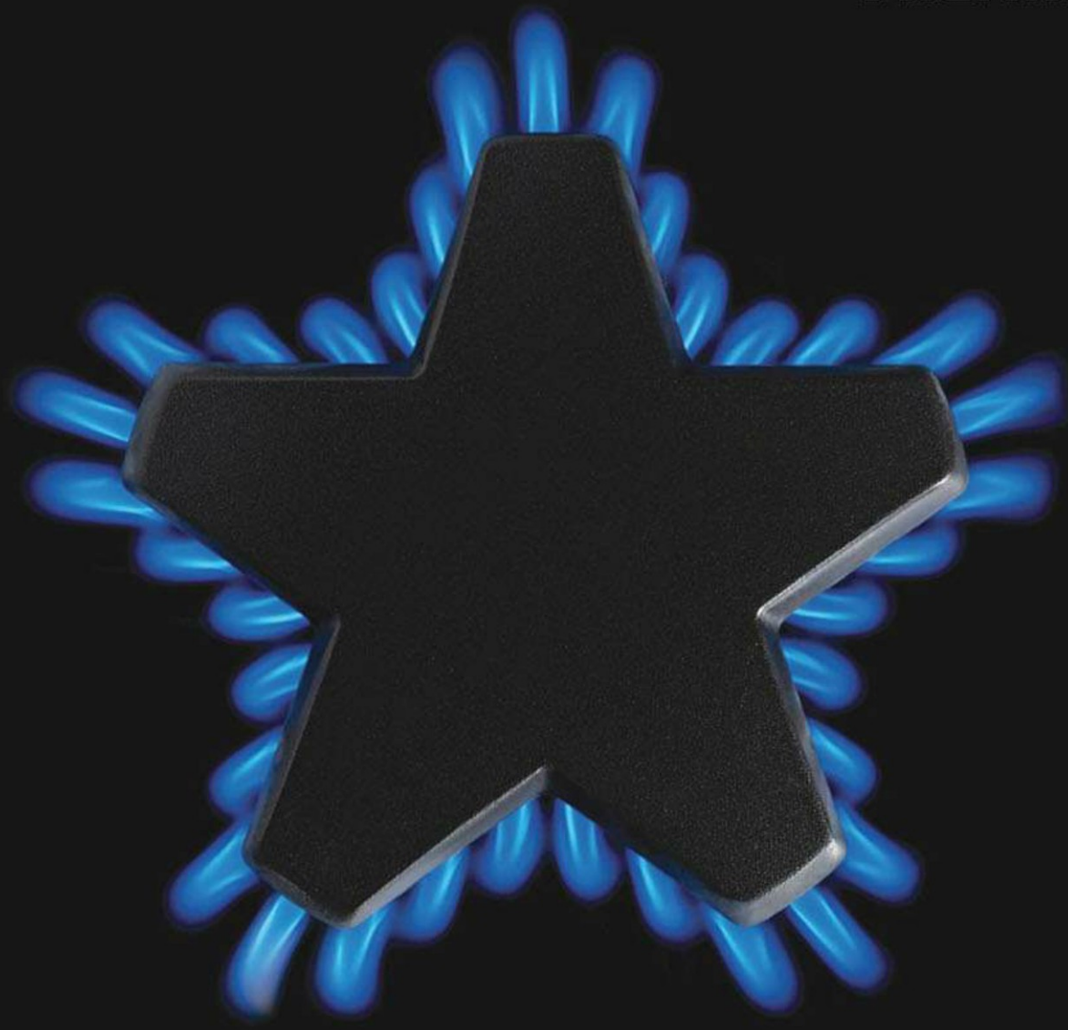

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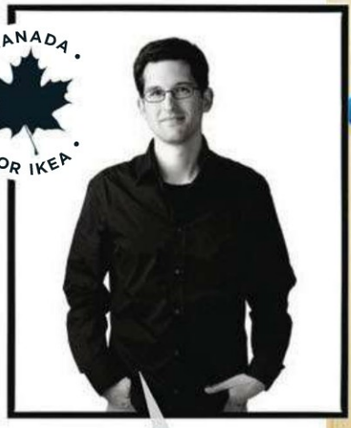
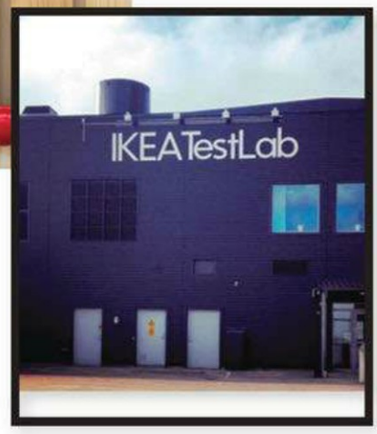


Oh Canada!
IKEA PS 2012 HAT AND COAT RACK, $80.

DESIGNER Francis Cayouette

WHY WE LOVE HIM This homegrown designer and creator of the adjustable Hat and Coat Rack (shown above) lives in Denmark. His combination of rustic and modern elements, and his attention to detail, is perfect for the way we live today.



The IKEA TestLab in the tiny village of Älmhult, Sweden, is where all the action happens. Rigorous testing of all the company's products is undertaken here, as well as the photography for the annual catalogue. But that's not all. Älmhult also boasts an IKEA shop and an IKEA hotel for die-hard fans.

Tara's typical Scandi lunch featured cold smoked salmon and scrambled eggs with salad and toast.

The PS Collection 2012 provides designers like Wiebke Braasch (shown above) – who was inspired by wire bicycle baskets in her reinvention of an iconic IKEA chair – with a no-holds-barred chance to exercise their creative muscles. Participants are focused on innovation rather than sustained marketability for the masses, and develop pieces that are more get-them-while-you-can. That limited edition quality all adds to the appeal.

Tara's favourite picks from the IKEA PS Collection 2012. Find them in stores starting in October.

The quilt cover

DESIGNER
Maria Vinka

WHY I LOVE IT This 140 threadcount linen set is cool and comfortable. Buttons for closure at one end and a matte, slightly uneven hand to the fabric bring a sophisticated feel, while whimsical polka dots make it bright and playful.

WHERE I'D USE IT
I'd throw it over a soft, low bed in a room with white walls and white painted furniture. Then I'd use it to take a nap!

IKEA PS 2012 twin **QUILT COVER** with pillowcase, $60.

IKEA PS 2012 **DINING TABLE,** $199.

The drop-leaf table

DESIGNER Jon Karlsson

WHY I LOVE IT The bamboo top of this sleek dining table emulates the look of teak and gives a nod to the clean lines of 1950s design. Its end drop-leaves accommodate more people.

WHERE I'D USE IT I'd love to try it as a desk in my office – expanding it when I need the surface area for big drawings and materials, and collapsing the sides when I want a cleaner look.

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For a behind-the-scenes look at Tara's trip to Copenhagen, visit **STYLEATHOME.COM/IKEATRIP.**

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On her return, Tara was full of amazing ideas to put the IKEA PS Collection 2012 to use. Here, she's created a room setting with some of her favourite new pieces. The black and white palette is pure Tara, but her trip inspired her to pair graphic elements with a pale pastel mauve wall colour, a shade she wouldn't have tried before visiting with the innovative IKEA designers. Bringing the look together are Tara's quick custom touches, such as switching out the buttons on the toss cushion, and painting a few of the leaves on the fabric canvas to match the serene scene.

Behr Mauve Morning UL250-11 WALL PAINT, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.

Tara's mismatched buttons.

Ektorp **LUMBAR CUSHION,** $30.

Tara customized this IKEA Stockholm Blad fabric by filling in some of the leaves with teal, chartreuse and pink paints to complement her decor.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT IKEA Stockholm Blad **FABRIC,** $8 per metre; Aröd **FLOOR/READING LAMP,** $60; IKEA PS 2012 Glass-door **CABINET,** $499; Pingla **BOX** with lid, $9 per set of 2; IKEA PS 2012 **ARMCHAIR,** $99; IKEA PS 2012 **CUSHION COVER,** $9; flat-woven Erslev **RUG,** $40; low-pile Malin Figur **RUG,** $90; IKEA PS 2012 **NEST OF TABLES,** $99 per set of 3; IKEA PS 2012 **DAYBED,** $599; Ektorp **LUMBAR CUSHION,** $30; Slom **BOTTLE** with stopper, $3; IKEA PS 2012 Deep **PLATE,** $4, IKEA, ikea.ca.

The end.

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high OR low...

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Just as rustic as it is polished, this charming and serene powder room will make you want to wash up, regardless of how clean you are, again and again and again – all on a fancy hotel ensuite or a rundown outhouse budget.

HIGH $4,184

$690 Polished nickel Wire Cage **PENDANT LIGHTS,** $345 each, Universal Lamp, greatlighting.com.

$685 Iron Lander **MIRROR** in Polished Chrome, Elte, elte.com.

$20 **BULLDOG CLIP,** pack of 3, Umbra, umbra.com.

$216 Polished chrome Mevedo **SWING ARM MIRROR,** Ginger's, gingersbath.com.

$589 Jado single-lever Glance **FAUCET** in Polished Chrome, Roman Bath Centre, romanbathcentre.com.

$246 Waterworks acrylic Glacier **SOAP DISPENSER,** Ginger's, gingersbath.com.

$995 MV white lacquer four-drawer **VANITY,** 30" x 34", Tanyas Furniture and Bath Gallery, tanyas.ca.

$7 **RUBBER DUCK,** Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

$228 Waterworks 100% Egyptian cotton Gotham **TOWELS** in White, $88 each, and **HAND TOWEL,** $52, Ginger's, gingersbath.com.

$159 Solid teak **STOOL,** Bed Bath & Beyond, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

$349 Beechwood Scoop **SIDECHAIR,** Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.ca.

LOW $1,286

$73 Vintage **MIRROR,** $65, Flik by Design, flikandcompany.com; mirror-hanging **HARDWARE,** $8, Lowe's, lowes.ca.

$390 Chrome Wire Cage **PENDANT LIGHTS,** $195 each, Elte, elte.com.

$4 **BULLDOG CLIP,** pack of 2, Staples Canada, staples.ca.

$50 Chrome wall-mount Magnifying Swivel **SWING ARM MIRROR,** Bed Bath & Beyond, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

$148 Pfister single-lever Skye **FAUCET** in Polished Chrome, Lowe's, lowes.ca.

$25 Avondale **LOTION DISPENSER,** Bed Bath & Beyond, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

$449 White two-drawer Godmorgon/Bräviken **VANITY,** 32¼" x 31½" x 19¼", IKEA, ikea.ca.

$2 **RUBBER DUCK,** Dollarama, dollarama.ca.

$26 Cotton DriSoft **BATH TOWELS,** $9 each, and **HAND TOWEL,** $8, Bed Bath & Beyond, bedbathandbeyond.ca.

$69 Pine **STOOL,** HomeSense, homesense.ca.

$50 Birch Sigurd **SIDECHAIR,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

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pump it up

Soap bars, begone! We're sick of your mushy scum and messy look, so we're moving you out to make room for these sleek **SOAP DISPENSERS.** With their shapely silhouettes, they offer us that liquid lather that keeps not only our hands feeling so fresh and so clean, but our bathroom counters, too.

material matters

Porcelain, ceramic and natural stone, oh my! When it comes down to it, choosing the right **FLOOR TILE** can be downright difficult. Natural stone is nearly indestructible but more expensive and difficult to maintain (particularly with porous options like limestone and slate) than its man-made counterparts, porcelain and ceramic. Porcelain is slightly stronger than ceramic, but both are prone to chips and cracks. You can get the raw stone look in many different materials, but be sure to choose the one that's right for your lifestyle.

1 Blue limestone, 12" x 24", $10 per sq. ft., Saltillo Imports, saltillo-tiles.com. **2** Porcelain Evolution in Light Grey, 12" x 24", $3 per sq. ft., Lowe's, lowes.ca. **3** Porcelain Grigio, 12" x 24", $7 per sq. ft., special order, American Olean, americanolean.com. **4** Honed marble in Antique Grey, 12" x 24", $16 per sq. ft., **5** concrete porcelain Fuse, 18" x 36", $9 per sq. ft., Saltillo Imports, saltillo-tiles.com.

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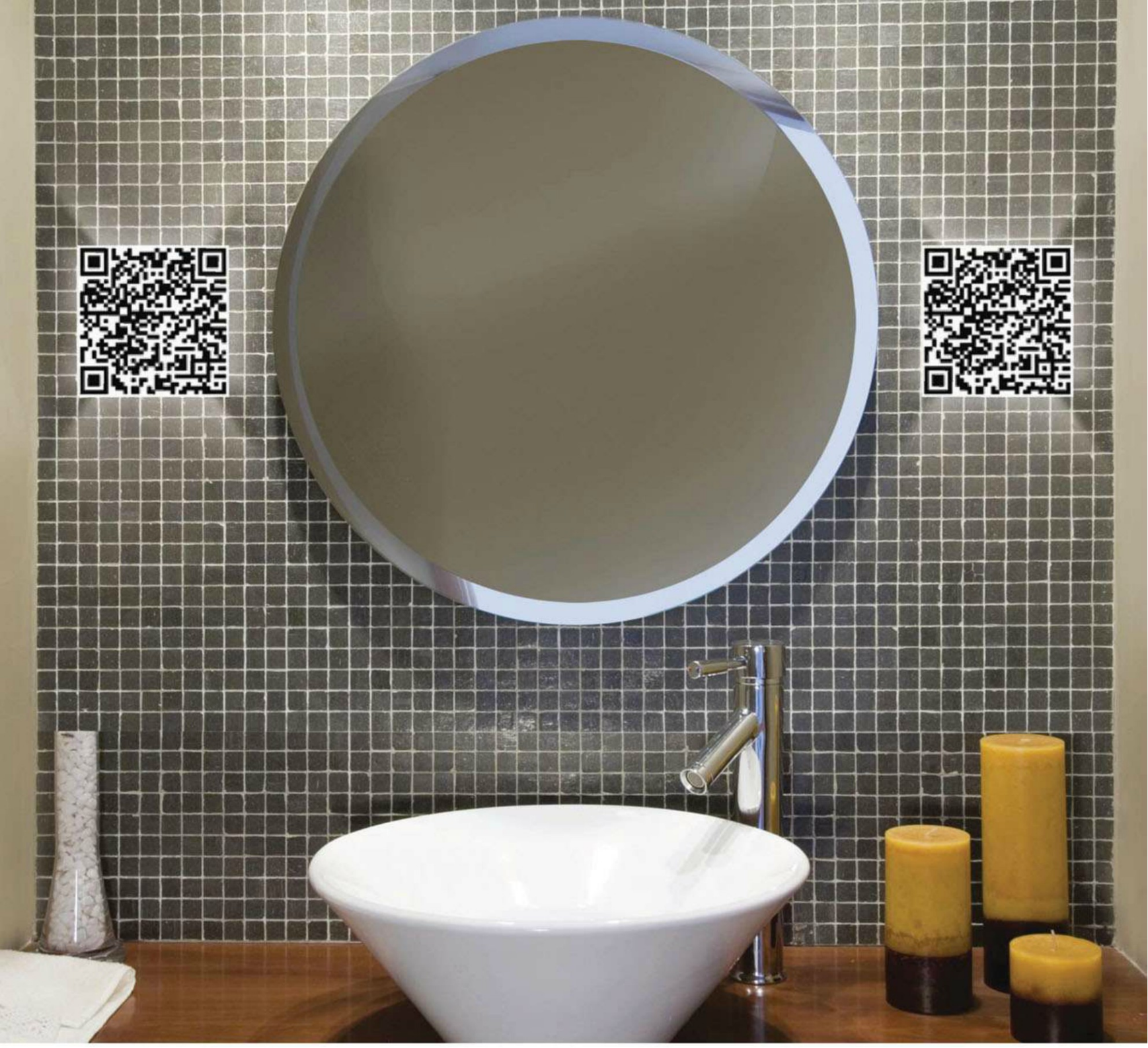
LOW Metal **BULLDOG CLIP,** $4 per pack of 2, Staples Canada, staples.ca. **HIGH** Metal **BULLDOG CLIP,** $20 per pack of 3, Umbra, umbra.com.



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plush love

FROM TOP
Waterworks 100% Egyptian cotton Greenway, $106, Ginger's, gingersbath.com; cotton/modal Soho, $25, Bed Bath & Beyond, bedbathandbeyond.ca; white cotton Ribbed, $30, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.ca; 100% Egyptian cotton Cecile Waffle, $34, Ginger's, gingersbath.com; Hotel Collection Turkish cotton Ribbed, $30, The Bay, thebay.com; Waterworks 100% Egyptian cotton Gotham, $88, Ginger's, gingersbath.com.

Jado single-lever Glance **FAUCET** in Polished Chrome, $589, Roman Bath Centre, romanbathcentre.com.

high

GO WITH THE FLOW

Rustic retreats rule, but when it comes to bathrooms, we prefer the sleek, modern edge offered by elements like these polished chrome single-lever faucets. Oft called the jewellery of the home, these types of fixtures add a dazzling touch to even the plainest white vanities, taking your cottage-style bathroom from functional to sensational.

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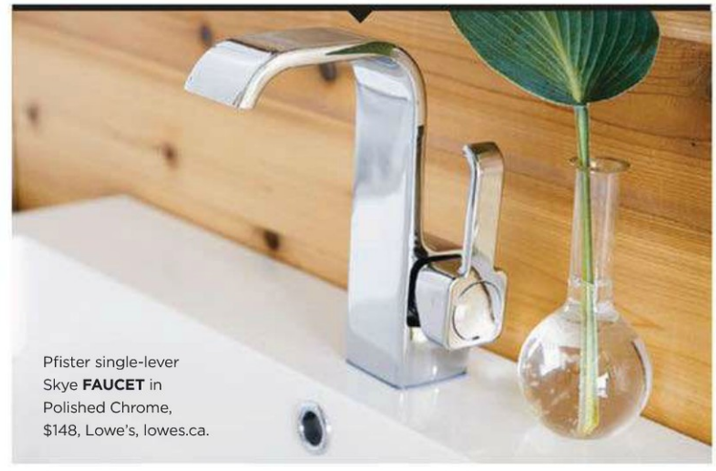

Pfister single-lever Skye **FAUCET** in Polished Chrome, $148, Lowe's, lowes.ca.

high-low meter

When Al Pacino famously said "Vanity is my favourite sin," he must have been making an unabashed splurge on a beautiful bathroom version. Streamlined and modern, these **VANITIES** just beg you to push your financial limits, whatever they may be, and make a purchase. Your morning routine will thank you for it, they promise.

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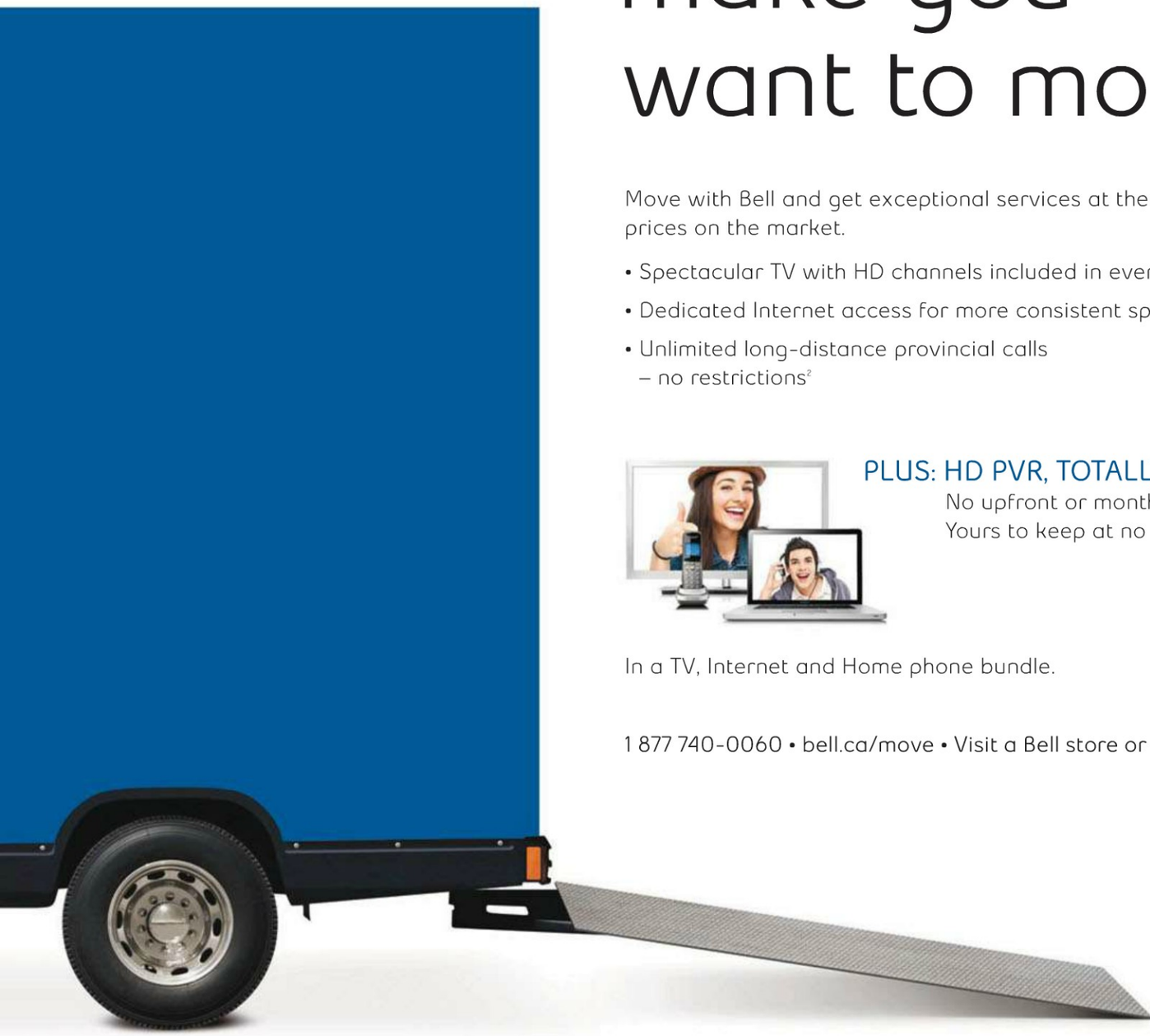

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Christine's guide to

PEDESTAL SINKS

PRODUCER CHRISTINE HANLON

What goes around comes around. This year, one of the most popular looks for the bathroom is classic 1930s style, with the shapely silhouette of a pedestal sink as its defining piece. These vintage-inspired sinks have made a comeback and are now more popular than ever!

tip To capture the look of a 1930s bathroom, start with a pedestal sink, washstand or console; then add a polished chrome or nickel faucet, black and white tiles, vintage-inspired lighting, a pivoting mirror, a wall-mounted soap dish and classic hardware. As a finishing touch, install a free-standing clawfoot tub.

before you buy

- **Take measurements to determine what size sink is best for your space.** How much width and depth do you have for the widest part of the basin? Leave a little space on both sides and between the sink and the wall. Consider the scale of the piece in relation to the size of the space – the sink shouldn't overpower the bathroom, or vice versa.
- **If you're replacing a built-in vanity with a pedestal sink,** ensure that there's a finished wall, flooring and trim behind the closed structure – otherwise the project may be much larger and more costly than anticipated. And confirm that the wall is strong enough to support the basin of the sink.
- **Make sure the sink you choose is compatible with your faucet selection.** Most sinks come pre-drilled with either a four-inch (centre set) or eight- to 12-inch (widespread) distance between the hot and cold tap handles and a centred single-hole drilling to accommodate a single-hole faucet.

select a style

- **A pedestal sink** is comprised of two pieces: the sink basin and the pedestal column underneath. The basin is partially supported by the wall it's attached to, as well as by the pedestal itself, which also works to hide plumbing.
- **A washstand** usually has a hard-surface countertop (marble or granite) and a sink. The top rests on two legs with a front crossbar for hand towels. The unit is wall mounted and the plumbing is exposed underneath.
- **A console** features a sink and surround top made of porcelain supported by four legs. It often has a built-in backsplash. The console offers an old-world feel.

where to use it

- **Areas with width and/or depth restrictions** or limited floor space (for example, a powder room or small bathroom in a home).
- **Use two sinks in a larger bathroom** as a pair of his and hers.
- **In lieu of a fully closed, built-in vanity** where a period-specific style or vintage charm is desired.

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6 stylish options

When shopping for a pedestal sink, consider what will look best in your bathroom in terms of design, finish and scale. You'll find a mix of price ranges and styles on the market, from angular contemporary looks to traditional reproductions to amazing vintage finds.

Archer **PEDESTAL SINK,** from $357, Kohler, kohler.ca.

Vintage **PEDESTAL SINK,** from $895 US, Restoration Hardware, restorationhardware.com.

Small Promenade **PEDESTAL SINK,** from $379, Ginger's, gingersbath.com.

Bancroft **PEDESTAL SINK,** from $894, Kohler, kohler.ca.

Zero **PEDESTAL SINK,** from $619, Ginger's, gingersbath.com.

Memoirs **PEDESTAL SINK** with Crimson Topaz design, from $1,894, Kohler, kohler.ca.

TIP CHECK OUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORES FOR LOTS OF GENTLY USED OPTIONS (HABITAT.CA).

SUMMER

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season SWAP

Take inspiration from these sophisticated outdoor table settings to provide the perfect backdrop for an elegant dinner party.

There's something magical about September. Maybe it's because summer's languid humidity gives way to a refreshing breeze. Or it could be the colours, which seem to come alive in a fiery show of auburn, mustard and bronze. Whatever the reason, when it comes to entertaining, we're eager to take advantage of every September minute and enjoy the outdoors before the first frost comes. Here, contributing design editor Christine Hanlon shows how a simple swap of accessories can take a summery tablescape to a fall feast for the senses in the Toronto garden of Victoria Mifsud-Teti and Tony Teti, owners of the shop Rizo Lola & Company.

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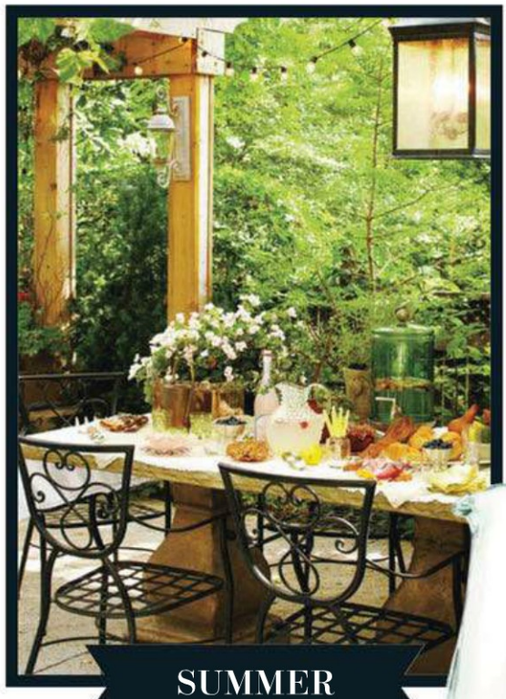
get the LOOK

Set a table that's befitting of nature's seasonal offerings.



SUMMER

FALL

1 tableware

Coloured glassware lends a fresh look that's suited to light, warm-weather fare.

Soda Lime **PITCHER** in Clear, $28 US, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

2 lighting

Light up your night with a stately outdoor pendant, which offers a touch of formality to balance the laid-back table setting.

Cambridge **PENDANT LIGHT,** $299 US, Restoration Hardware, restorationhardware.com.

3 centrepiece

Don't get overly fussy with florals: Clip flowers right from the garden for a pretty, casual arrangement.

4 table linens

Choose juicy, bright table linens to coordinate with the cheery coloured palette.

Tahitian Vine **NAPKIN,** $16 US per set of 4, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

1 lighting

A rustic candle chandelier emits a delightful glow over the evening's festivities.

Small round Pillar Candle **CHANDELIER,** $995 US, Restoration Hardware, restoration-hardware.com.

2 centre-piece

In lieu of summery blooms, fall's bountiful harvest of pumpkins and squash make for a whimsical display. Their white and grey skins match the muted colour scheme.

3 table linens

Linen lends a wonderful warmth and texture to the table that's perfect for the moody setting.

Linen NAPKIN in Flax, $24 per set of 4, Chapters, Indigo, indigo.ca.

4 tableware

Cool nights and hearty fall cuisine call for a full-bodied red wine. Make it fancy by serving it in a shapely carafe.

Misura PZ **WINE CARAFE,** $9, Trudeau, trudeaucorp.com.

Check out Rizo Lola & Company for more table setting pieces (rizololaand-company.com).

New
Wheat Thins Baked with Real Vegetables
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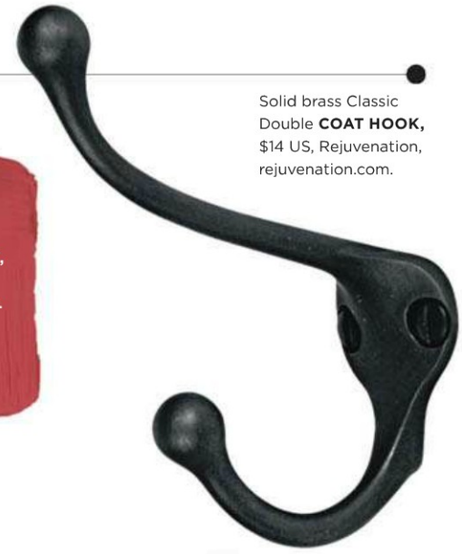

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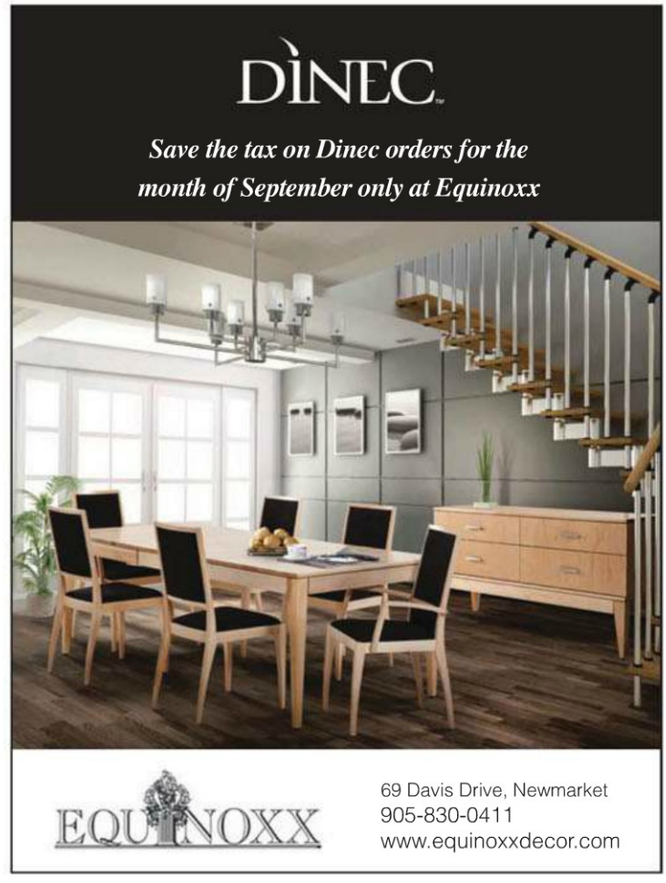

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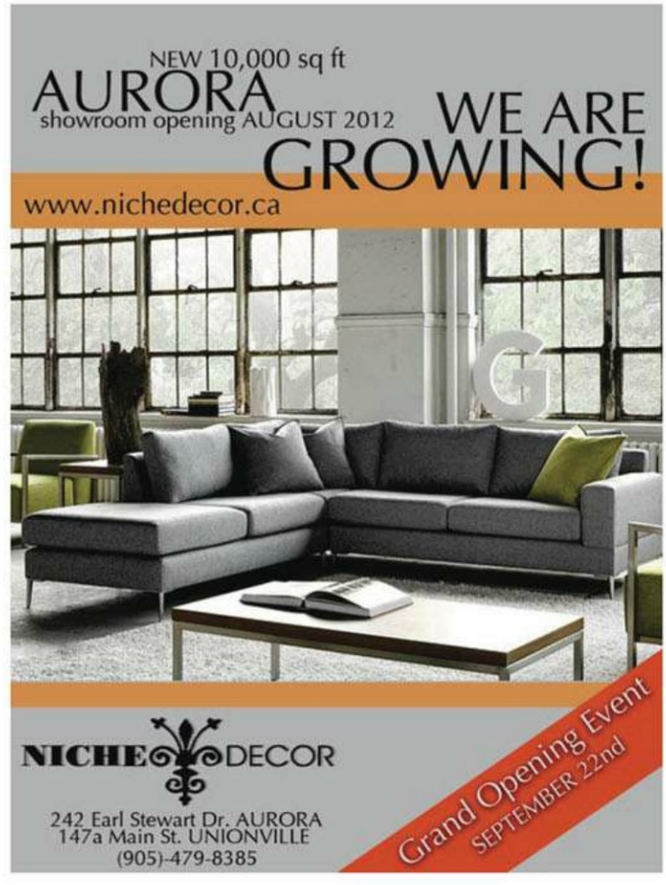

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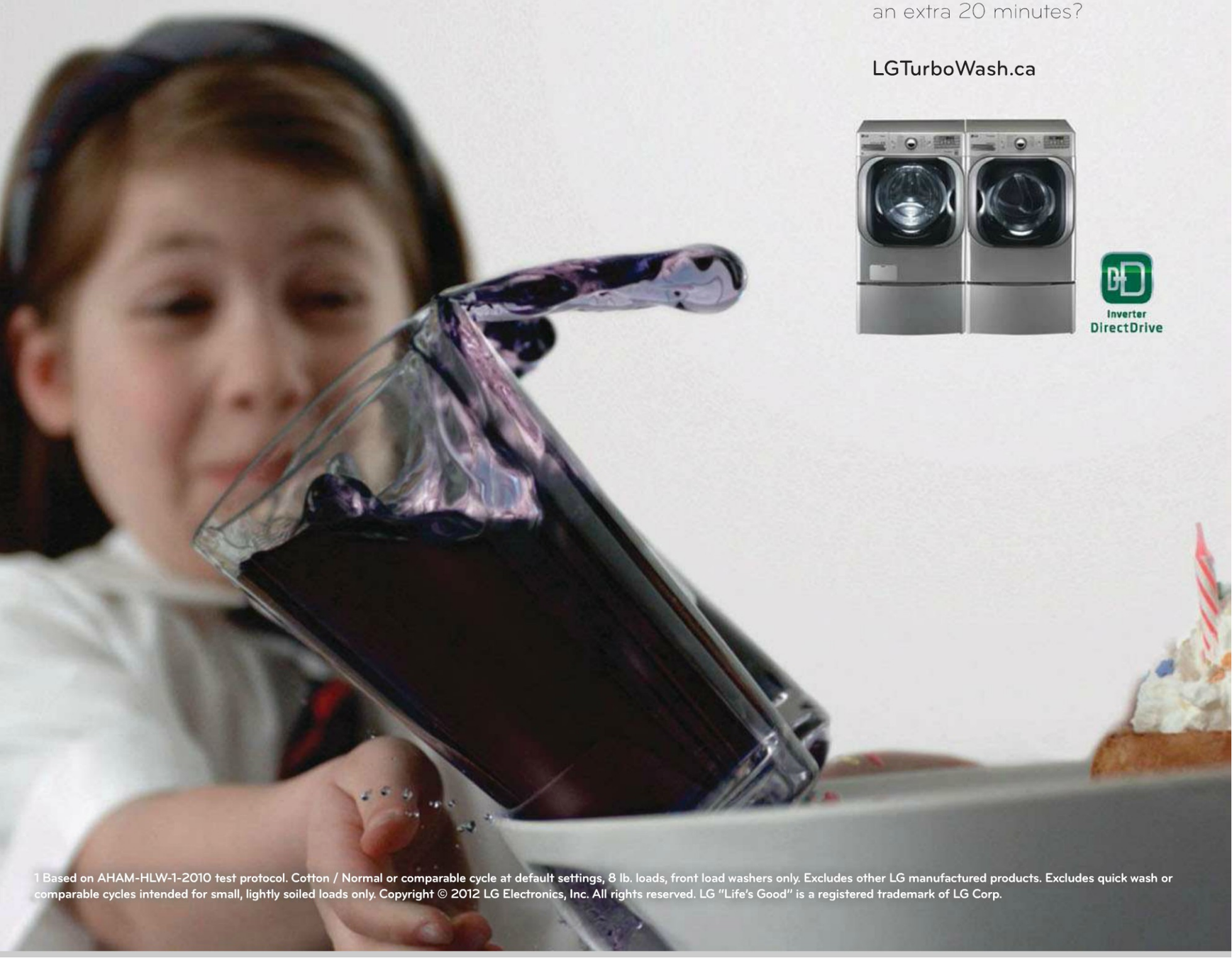

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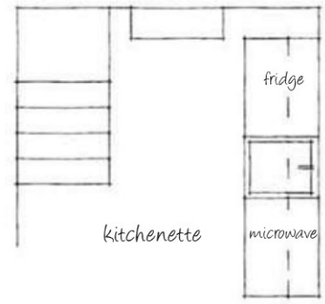

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the befores

The unused space at the bottom of the stairs in this Toronto home had been neglected for years. The kitchenette now stands where luggage used to be stored, while the laundry room was a cold cellar in its former life.

the plan

Developing a cohesive look in the long space was crucial. The same flooring, tile, cabinetry and paint colours were used to make the two areas work as one unit, and to create an appealing task centre.

the look

Soothing whites and neutral pastel shades inspired by sea glass transformed the dark basement and gave it an energy and sophistication it sadly lacked. Rustic elements mix with slick modern surfaces to warm up the decor.

White Domsjö **SINK** with strainer/water-trap, $249, IKEA, ikea.ca.

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Fan Light Grey P2103-04 **STAIR PAINT,** Para Paints, para.com.

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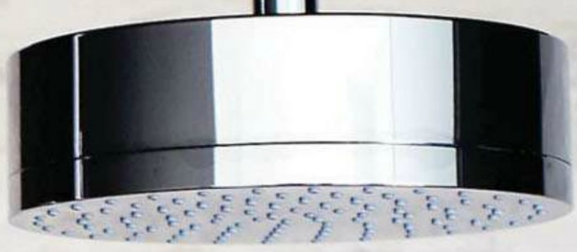

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A RETREAT of one's own

Have you ever dreamed of having a spa-like escape? These five bathrooms prove that the sky's the limit when it comes to creating a personalized place that's the epitome of rest and relaxation. From beautiful tile work to modern fixtures to customized vanities, there are plenty of ideas to inspire your very own sanctuary at home.

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№1
SOPHISTICATED GLAMOUR

In an extensive reno that involved a complete rebuild of the second and third floors of his own Toronto home, designer Harvey Wise was able to design his dream bathroom "right down to window placement, fixture layout and size," he says. The result is this generously proportioned room with a tailored, masculine persona and a few Art Deco-inspired nods to the 1912 home's character. The 11-by-19-foot space serves as a showcase for Harvey's design clients, and it's obvious why many of them have asked for a similar look and feel.

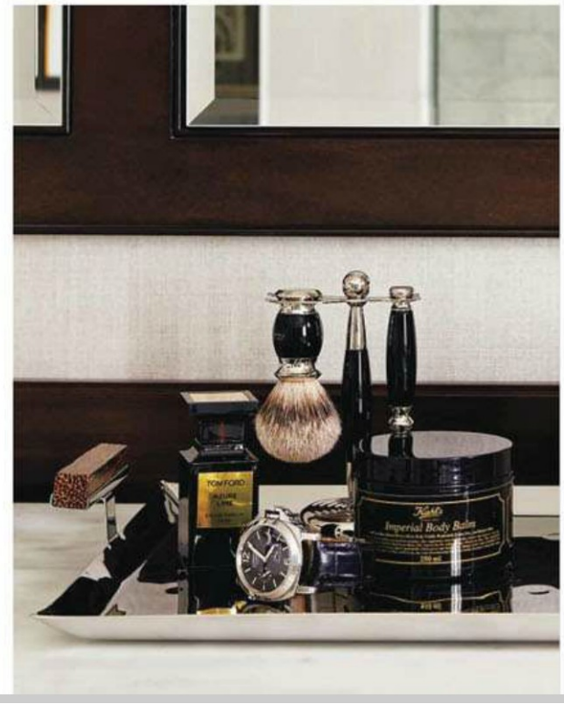
DESIGN, Harvey Wise Design, harveywisedesign.com; **WALLCOVERING,** Crown Wallpaper & Fabrics; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Patina Antiques; **DRAPERY FABRIC,** Designer Fabrics; framed **ETCHINGS,** D & E Lake; **BATHTUB, FAUCETS,** Taps Bath Centre; **BATHTUB FILLER,** Roman Bath Centre; Gluckstein-Home **SIDE TABLE & TOWELS,** The Bay; **FLOOR & SHOWER FLOOR TILES,** Antica Tile & Stone; **ACCENT TILES,** Stone Tile International; **PICTURE LIGHTS** (above mirrors), Circa Lighting.

A miniature version of the floor's plaid pattern appears on the shower floor. To break up the expanse of marble on the shower walls, Harvey decided to create a single criss-cross detail on the back wall.

BELOW, LEFT
A polished nickel side table with a mirrored top offers a spot to display bath essentials and a place to put down a drink or a book during a long soak.

BELOW, MIDDLE
Designer Harvey Wise downplayed the size of the long double vanity, with its inset Calacatta marble countertop, by designing it to look like a double chest of drawers that might be found in a man's dressing room. The hand-reeded drawer fronts and dark stain give the walnut piece an Art Deco look. The centre portion of the mirror is actually a medicine cabinet.

BELOW, RIGHT
A handsome silver tray holds toiletries and jewellery on the vanity countertop.



A 1940s Lucite pendant light hangs over the simple, sculptural free-standing bathtub.

The walls are covered in vinyl grasscloth wallpaper in a soft grey colour that's more practical in a bathroom than the real thing. A set of vintage architectural prints in sleek black frames and off-white mats suits the tailored, masculine aesthetic.

Harvey designed a Burberry-inspired floor from 18-inch-square Calacatta marble tiles bordered by linear limestone and small dark blue-grey stone laid in a plaid pattern that helps shrink the visual scale of the room.

PHOTOGRAPHY, KIM JEFFERY

An eye-catching octagonal mirror of weathered wood continues the aged theme.
Designer Nam Dang-Mitchell designed an arched backsplash with wall-mounted bronze faucets in keeping with the European sensibility. The X-front vanity doors are a nod to French Country style.

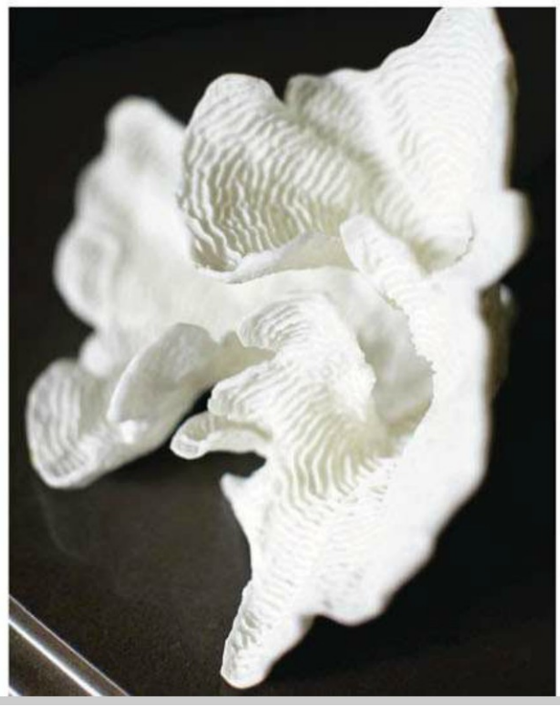
Nº2
EUROPEAN RUSTIC

Taking a cue from old-world European country homes, designer Nam Dang-Mitchell designed this 10-by-12-foot master ensuite – part of a luxurious model home for Calgary builder Mission Homes – with plenty of masculine sophistication. A palette of moody neutrals pulled from the travertine on the floor and in the shower and an aged, collected look thanks to a weathered wood mirror, an antiqued gold shelving unit and bronze hardware also imparts a rusticity that belies the brand new space.

DESIGN, Nam Dang-Mitchell Design, namdangmitchell.com; **MIRROR, VANITY HARDWARE,** Restoration Hardware; **SCONCE,** Circa Lighting; Kallista Vir Stil by Laura Kirar **FAUCET & SHOWER FIXTURES,** The Ensuite; Caesarstone Lagos Blue 4350 **COUNTERTOP & TUB DECK,** Alberta Marble & Tile; Ocean Blue travertine **FLOOR & SHOWER TILES,** Nu-Way Floor Fashions; **SHELVING UNIT,** Oly.

LEFT Acting as a focal point from the room's entry, the antiqued gold shelving unit is more reflective of old-world style than a built-in piece would have been. It also offers a spot for open storage of towels and collected objects from nature.

RIGHT A scattering of shells placed throughout the bathroom enhances the natural quality of the space.



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The sweeping use of travertine on the shower walls and ceiling and on the bathroom floor makes a bold statement and injects the space with natural texture and pattern. Lagos Blue Caesarstone on the tub deck has a stepped edge for a refined look.

A large window ensures the moody palette doesn't feel dark and oppressive.

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Open shelves at one end of the bathtub take advantage of an otherwise non-functional spot and offer storage for towels and toiletries right where they're needed. Dramatically veined Calacatta marble on the tub deck provides a hit of pattern in the serene room.

№3
TIMELESS CHIC

When Ottawa designer Irene Langlois first saw this master ensuite, it was dark and dated, with an awkward layout, a walled-in shower and a single sink. Homeowners Charles "Chip" Hamann and Alain Doom wanted lots of storage and plenty of light. At eight by 14 feet, the room was generous enough for a new double vanity and open shelves to display towels and toiletries. Irene outfitted the room with elegant finishes in soothing white and grey tones to maximize the natural light spilling in through the large window.

DESIGN, Irene Langlois Interiors, irenelanglois.com; Stonington Gray HC-170 **WALL PAINT,** Titanium OC-49 **VANITY PAINT,** Benjamin Moore.

ABOVE, LEFT
A generously sized window over the bathtub allows lots of natural light into the bathroom and is adorned with classic California shutters over the lower portion for privacy. The tub's grey-painted skirting mirrors the style of the vanity.

ABOVE, MIDDLE
After seeing a feature like this in a hotel – a mirror on a wall enclosing one end of the vanity – homeowners Chip Hamann and Alain Doom asked designer Irene Langlois to recreate it in their newly renovated master ensuite. The light- and space-enhancing detail lends polish to the space.

ABOVE, RIGHT
The glassed-in shower makes mornings much brighter than the old walled-in one, as do walls of white bevelled subway tile with an accent of moonstone blue limestone mosaic, which was also used on the shower floor. Clean-lined fixtures continue the linear motif to this side of the room.

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Bevelled subway tile wainscotting that wraps around the room creates a backsplash above the vanity's Calacatta marble countertop.

The new recessed-panel vanity provides plenty of closed storage and is painted in a soft grey. A recurring square motif on the faucets, vanity hardware and pendant lights ("like little ice cubes," says Irene) offers a cohesive look.

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A flat-front vanity in light grey is a simple and understated piece that allows the gorgeous custom horn handles to steal the spotlight. Since there wasn't enough space for double sinks, decorator Alykhan Velji used this extra-wide shallow sink. A counter-to-ceiling mirror acts as a backsplash while visually expanding the space and keeping the look clean and streamlined.

BELOW, LEFT
Picking up on the colour and pattern of the travertine, these natural horn handles were a splurge item that bring a special detail to the otherwise very simple vanity.

BELOW, MIDDLE
The squared-off faucet design and cross-shaped handles are a modern take on the traditional faucet shape.

BELOW, RIGHT
A shiny turned side table complements the shower fixtures and acts as a handy spot to hold essentials.

Nº4
STYLISHLY SLEEK

Although thoroughly contemporary and clean in design, this Calgary bathroom boasts plenty of texture, pattern and detail. Decorator Alykhan Velji had worked with homeowners Aaron and Sarah Smith on updating the rest of their traditional 1950s home, and the plan remained the same in the six-by-eight-foot master ensuite: to keep the look light and airy while injecting a fresh, modern vibe into the room. The striking travertine feature wall in the shower sets the tone for the rest of the space.

DESIGN, Alykhan Velji Designs, alyveljidesigns.com; **SCONCE,** Tech Lighting; Hansgrohe **FAUCET & SHOWER FIXTURES,** Wetstyle **SINK,** Royal Flush; horn **VANITY HARDWARE,** Ochre; **SHOWER TILES,** Icon Stone & Tile; **SIDE TABLE,** HomeSense.

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STYLISHLY SLEEK

Homeowner Aaron Smith's background in geological engineering drew him to the travertine slabs that Alykhan used as a feature wall in the shower. The 12-by-36-inch tiles add depth to the space, and their horizontal lines help make the room appear wider.

The ceiling and side walls in the shower are a 12-by-24-inch ceramic tile in a dark grey that was pulled directly from the colouring of the travertine.

The same material that was used on the ceiling and side walls covers the shower floor but in a small square pattern.

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Check out how Alykhan Velji designed the Smith's family-friendly kitchen at **STYLEATHOME.COM/SMITHHOME.**

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A free-standing bathtub set under corner windows takes advantage of park views. For privacy, drapery in a tone-on-tone grey pinstripe hangs from a chrome rod.

Nº5
MODERN LUXE

It could be argued that the parents of three young children are particularly in need of a special getaway. For Tina Barriscale and Rod Stryker, the master ensuite of their newly built home in Saskatoon was a chance to create such a retreat. The 16-by-20-foot room, designed by Curtis Elmy and Trevor Ciona of Atmosphere Interior Design, is a study in contemporary luxury, with the oversized marble-wrapped shower being the ultimate spa-like escape.

DESIGN, Atmosphere Interior Design, atmosphereinteriordesign.net; Sanos 7240 **BATHTUB,** BainUltra; **FLOOR & SHOWER TILES,** Olympia Tile & Stone; **SCONCES,** Restoration Hardware; Aubrey **MIRRORS,** Ren-Wil; **VANITY,** Rëdl World Class Kitchens; KleinReid **VASES,** Blossoms Living; **SHOWER FIXTURES,** Kohler.

LEFT Quarter-sawn walnut with the grain running horizontally creates a modern yet warm focal point in the bathroom. Extensive storage in the vanity's many drawers keeps the pure white quartz countertop clutter-free. A pair of bevelled mirrors adds a touch of glamour.

RIGHT A clear tray for jewellery on the vanity provides a barely there feel.

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The huge three-by-seven-foot shower boasts an oversized rainhead, side jets and a handheld attachment to maximize the pampering experience.

The side walls and ceiling in the shower are covered in 12-by-12-inch Carrara marble tiles, while the back wall features Carrara mosaics. Using the same material in varying sizes and patterns avoids the visual clutter of using many different types of stone.

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The dramatic floor pattern of 18-by-18-inch Carrara marble tiles laid on a diagonal surrounded by bands of mosaics uses the same materials applied elsewhere.

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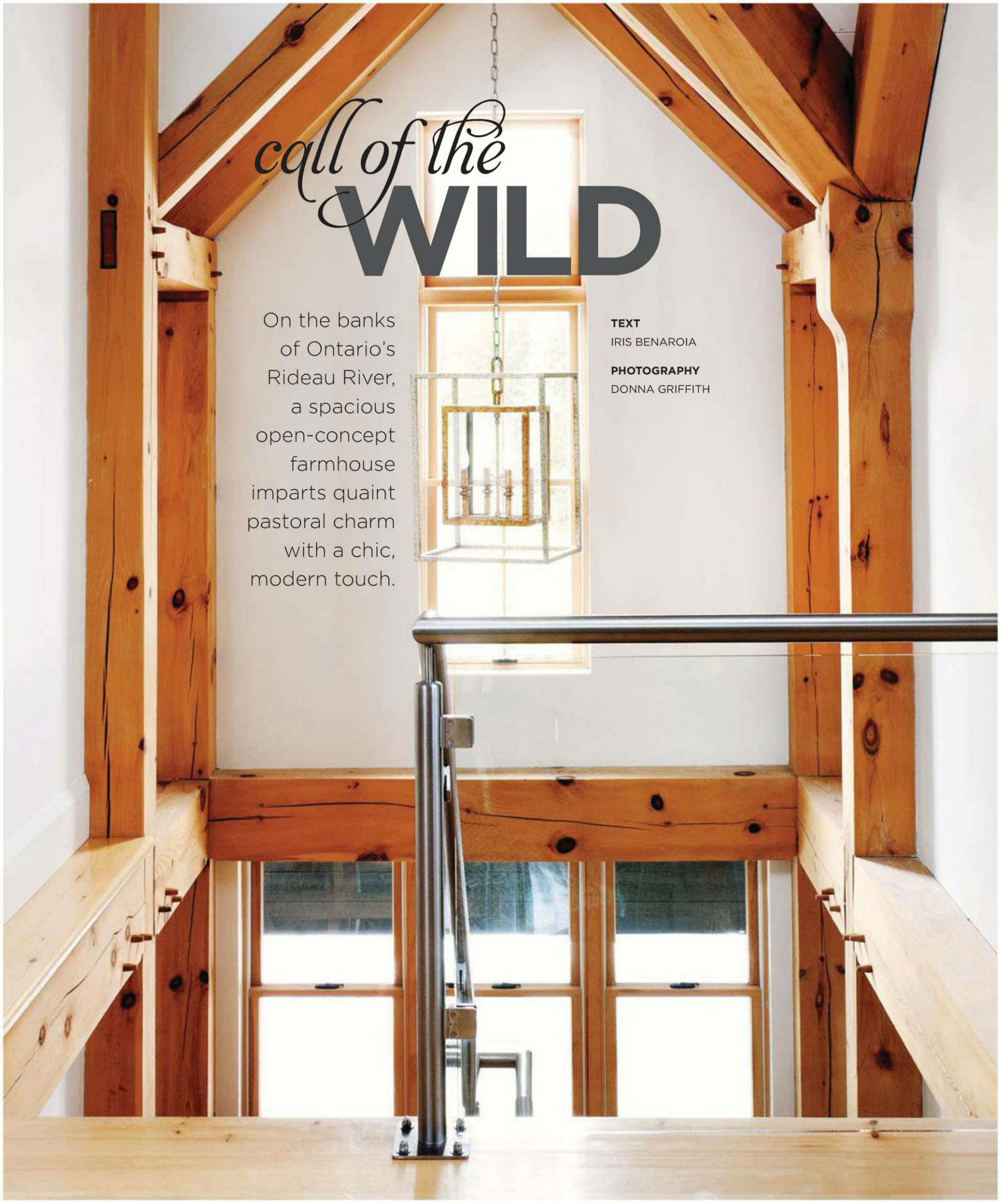
Open to the great room, the kitchen's clean, unfussy lines aren't distracting. "Smaller tiles would have looked too busy for the backsplash," says designer Irene Langlois, hence her decision to go with oversized 12-by-24-inch marble tiles.

DESIGN, Irene Langlois Interiors, irenelanglois.com; **ARCHITECT,** Linda Chapman Architect, smartarchitecture.com; Oxford White CC-30 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Cloud White CC-40 **CEILING & TRIM PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **KITCHEN DESIGN,** Beaulieu Design; **CABINETRY,** Carleton Kitchen & Bath; **CABINETRY FABRICATION,** Cuisines Laurier; mini **PENDANT LIGHTS,** Rona; **RANGE HOOD,** Kobe Range Hoods.

OPPOSITE Ample light filters into the foyer and great room from the stairwell, which is free of risers and has glass panels to maximize – rather than block – the sun's rays.



call of the WILD

On the banks of Ontario's Rideau River, a spacious open-concept farmhouse imparts quaint pastoral charm with a chic, modern touch.

TEXT
IRIS BENAROIA

PHOTOGRAPHY
DONNA GRIFFITH

City-style townhouses may have their appeal, but they don't have a thicket of trees in the backyard or river with a dock to laze upon in a beatific stupor.

That's why homeowners Linda and Sebastien ditched their urban(ish) digs in Kanata, Ont., an Ottawa suburb, for a scenic hub just 30 minutes away on the Rideau River in Manotick. Set on three-and-a-half verdant acres with 150 feet of breathtaking waterfront, Linda, a business development executive, and engineering exec Sebastien had a spectacular two-storey post-and-beam modern farmhouse built for them and their two sociable cats, Mr. Big and Mr. Murphy.

"It was a ginormous hands-on project," says Linda. While Sebastien worked as the general contractor, Linda spent hours at the computer, poring over every finishing detail, from the faucets to the range hood. But she's quick to credit the rest of the team that helped pull this unique space together: architect Linda Chapman, landscape architect John Szczepaniak and designer Irene Langlois.

Irene and the homeowners had previously worked together on their townhouse, but this project was much more complicated. →

TOP Tranquility rules in the natural setting, where the homeowners like to take out their boat for leisurely rides along the Rideau River.

ABOVE Knotty beams pop against white walls. The polished aluminum antelope bust is a modern-rustic reference.

Antelope **BUST,** HomeSense.

RIGHT The seamless galley kitchen leads to a screened-in porch for casual lunches after swimming in the river. The full-height cabinetry contains plenty of storage, plus a double-stacked oven and a gas range.

Drop-in **STOVETOP,** Dacor; **REFRIGERATOR, OVENS, MICROWAVE,** KitchenAid.

"There is a balance to **BEING TRENDY AND PICKING SOMETHING THAT WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME.** For built-in pieces, I chose neutral colours in classic styles and accessorized with trendy elements." LINDA, HOMEOWNER

In the rustic-meets-refined dining area, the trestle table's generous carved legs are an interesting contrast to the slim ones on the modern dining chairs. Decorative glass bottles blend seamlessly into the space.

DINING TABLE, Restoration Hardware; **DINING CHAIRS,** Blueprint Home; white **VASE & BOWL** (on sideboard), HomeSense.

Envisioned by the home's architect, Linda Chapman, the fireplace is sculptural and contemporary. "Clad in slate, it connects to the flooring in the front of the house and lends weight to the living room, which was important to balance the space," says Irene.

COFFEE TABLE, MYHome; large white **VASE,** HomeSense; **RUG,** The Home Depot; *Barkmere* **ARTWORK** by Peter Hoffer, Gallery 3.

How leggy! The coffee table, boxy club chair and tripod lamp have thin legs to evoke airiness.

Gus Modern **CLUB CHAIR,** Blueprint Home; custom **TOSS CUSHION,** Irene Langlois Interiors; tripod **FLOOR LAMP,** EQ3.

RIGHT, TOP Just one of the views of the 150-foot waterfront.

RIGHT, MIDDLE Homeowners Linda and Sebastien sit with one of their lovable cats, Mr. Big, on the open staircase.

RIGHT, BOTTOM Linda originally wanted a white house, but the architect and designer persuaded her to go charcoal grey. "I'm so glad they did," says Linda. "Ottawa gets lots of snow, and the home would have receded into the landscape." The house also features a striking gallium metal roof.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, John Szczepaniak; Iron Mountain 2134-30 **WOOD SIDING PAINT,** Benjamin Moore.

The 3,200-square-foot main living area was designed as an "exploded plan," meaning there's a great room that soars to 18 feet high, plus tons of angles of varying heights to maximize the light coming from the home's 70 windows (not counting the glass doors). All this is set against a crisp white and honey-hued-wood palette that also features thousands of square feet of Brazilian slate. The large footprint of wood and slate may mistakenly suggest coldness and sprawl, but, in fact, it's the opposite. "All the wood makes it feel warm and intimate," says Irene. To ensure the look didn't descend into woodsy man-cave territory, though, Irene balanced it with plenty of white and modern touches.

Indeed, contrast is vital in design because it makes a space feel dynamic. A great example is the main-floor master bedroom ensuite: Grounding the space are slick slate floors (heated, of course) and a black vanity that serves as a dramatic foil to the powder-white walls and ceiling boards.

"I love neutrals like these because you never get tired of them," she says. "I'm the kind of person who doesn't wear a lot of colour. I generally wear black," Linda says, proving the interior designer's

TOP "It's not fancy," says Linda of the porch that leads to the outdoors. "People can jump in the pool, then walk in here and sit around the table."

DINING CHAIRS, IKEA; **RUG,** Restoration Hardware.

ABOVE Rustic bathroom accessories are given a modern touch when corralled in a clear tray.

RIGHT The nine-foot-long custom vanity is made of lacquered wood and topped with a sleek Caesarstone countertop and an unadorned mirror. The ensuite's clean look doesn't distract from the main attraction: nature.

Custom **VANITY,** Irene Langlois Interiors; Grohe **FAUCETS,** Preston Hardware; **VANITY HARDWARE,** Lee Valley Tools.

adage that you only need to look at how you dress to find out what colours you'll like in your home.

But the best part, Linda says, is the home's capacity for cheer – countless dinner parties and holiday family gatherings have been hosted here. "It's a home that gets well used," she says, pausing thoughtfully to add: "Every single day I wake up in this house, I'm delighted to be here. I can't believe I live in such a beautiful space – it's very impressive, like a castle, and I'm just an average person."

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A country-style spool bed, captain's mirror and folksy side table are the picture of rural quaintness in the master bedroom, which has heated slate floors.

BED, The Emporium; **BEDDING,** Restoration Hardware; custom **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Irene Langlois Interiors; **MIRROR, TABLE LAMPS,** HomeSense; **RUG,** West Elm.

"I like neutrals because
YOU NEVER TIRE OF THEM."

LINDA, HOMEOWNER

the GREAT ESCAPE

A simple farmhouse-style home is the perfect place for this busy family of four to escape from their hectic schedules and take in the picturesque view.

TEXT KATHLEEN DORE
PHOTOGRAPHY BARRY CALHOUN

STYLING, ALYKHAN VELJI

"My husband and I both love nature," says homeowner Leigha Graf, explaining why including a wall of stone and as many windows as possible in the living room was so important to them. The fireplace is two-sided, with a sitting area on the other side in the kitchen.

ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, Lindsey Johnson Design, lindseyjohnson-design.com; **CONTRACTING,** Platinum Homes & Developments; Cloud White CC-40 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **FLOWERS** (throughout), Lil' Pink Daisy Florals; slipcovered **SOFA & ARMCHAIR,** Montauk; **SLIPPER CHAIRS,** Winners; **TOSS CUSHIONS, THROW, BOWL,** 4living; **RUG,** Alykhan Velji Designs; Jonathan Adler stoneware **BIRDS,** Kit Interior Objects; white **BOXES,** Peridot; yellow **LANTERN,** yellow **SPINDLE,** porcelain shell **VASE,** HomeSense.

Prairie light is characterized by its clarity and abundance: the way it intensifies a grassy field under a clear sky into swathes of emerald green and blue. Photographer Leigha Graf loves that about her corner of the world in Red Deer, Alta. But the problem was, inside the home she shares with her husband and their two sons, light was scarce. "I love the light – it's such a part of what I do that I wanted to bring it into our house," she says. So when it came to renovating, light was Leigha's primary focus.

"Leigha wanted to brighten up the space and make it more family-oriented and user-friendly," says Lindsey Johnson, an architect and designer who worked with Platinum Homes (the contractor of the reno) at the time. Since the home's existing footprint was staying the same, her solution was to rearrange the spaces within, opening them up to each other and to the outdoors.

On the main floor, the kitchen and living room were combined to create a great room divided only by a two-sided fireplace. The old fireplace – a behemoth on the north wall that was flanked by two pokey windows – was replaced with soaring windows that stretch almost wall to wall, flooding the room with light and opening up the view to the 11-acre Graf property.

Light flows from here into the adjoining kitchen, which was given top priority in the redesign. →

ABOVE Leigha (standing at left) and architect and designer Lindsey Johnson.

RIGHT Neighbouring horses graze in the fields bordering the Graf residence.

LEFT Simple decorative touches, such as books, branches and a white stoneware bird, sit on a glass table where they don't interfere with the lovely view.

OPPOSITE "A picture of an old armoire with a glass front and beadboard back was our inspiration," says Lindsey of the custom cabinetry she designed for the back wall of the pantry in the kitchen.

"It's the kitchen that sets the tone for the whole house when you're designing."

LINDSEY JOHNSON, ARCHITECT & DESIGNER

"We wanted something light and calming. It really is as simple and open as the prairie landscape."

LEIGHA GRAF, HOMEOWNER

ABOVE, LEFT "I love having a separate dining room," says Leigha. "It's more intimate." White oak floors were installed throughout. "It's a low matte finish," she says. "With pets and kids, it's so forgiving."

VASES, GLASSES, Loblaws, Real Canadian Superstore.

ABOVE, RIGHT Lindsey also redesigned the exterior of the home with vertical siding, cultured stone and fir details, giving the country property a back-to-the-land feel.

RIGHT The beautiful wooden table is new but has old-farmhouse appeal.

OPPOSITE The island's clean lines and generous proportions feel very modern, but the pale finish of the quarter-sawn oak suggests an aged barn wood.

"I love the light – it's such a part of what I do that I wanted to bring it into our house."

LEIGHA GRAF, HOMEOWNER

Both Leigha and Lindsey agreed that the travertine floor tiles had an authentic country feel that suggested a rustic Tuscan farmhouse – a perfect look for the master bathroom. Lindsey included a built-in vanity between the double sinks for Leigha and a luxurious free-standing soaker tub positioned to enjoy the view.

BATHTUB, Bruin's Plumbing & Heating.

RIGHT, TOP Bright accents pop against the white walls and mellow wood tones.

FAR RIGHT "The new master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling, which is wonderful because it's got so much character," says Lindsey. Generous windows link the space to a wide open field that steals the scene. Leigha chose a new bed with a vintage vibe and a rustic dresser that hints to modern country style.

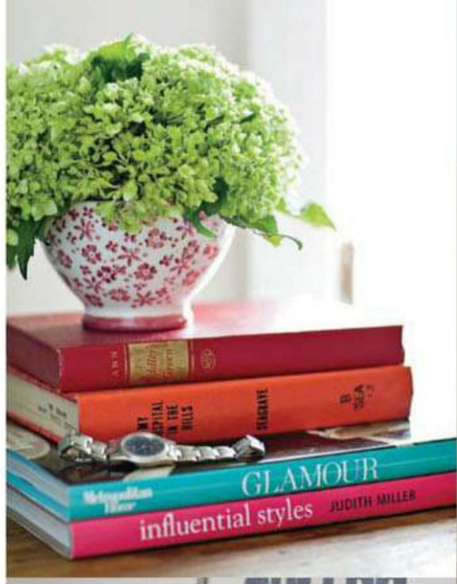
BED FRAME, Pottery Barn; **DRESSER,** Crate and Barrel; **BED LINENS, THROW,** Cushy Life; **TOSS CUSHIONS,** 4living; **TABLE LAMP,** HomeSense.

RIGHT, BOTTOM A "seaside" poster (probably the only one in any house in the Prairies) reminds Leigha of her family's annual trek to her mother's place on Vancouver Island.

PC Home acrylic **TRAY,** Loblaws, Real Canadian Superstore.

BELOW A dormer window, bench and dresser turn Leigha's walk-in into a dressing room.

Malm **DRESSER,** IKEA.



"It's the kitchen that sets the tone for the whole house when you're designing," says Leigha, who wanted a modern-farmhouse feel.

A quarter-sawn-oak island mimics the look of rustic barnboard, hitting that farmhouse vibe, as does the Shaker-style cabinetry and exposed hardware. Quartz countertops, sleek appliances and industrial-style bar stools inject modernity into the space.

The new layout, too, is made for today while echoing times past. Lindsey stole space from an adjacent laundry room to incorporate a secondary prep zone that looks like an old-fashioned pantry, but its deluxe coffee station and second sink cater to a modern lifestyle. "I'm really happy with it," says Leigha. "It's a central hub in the mornings and where I set up snacks for guests when we entertain."

The family now spends most of its time in the new great room, says Leigha, who chose furnishings accordingly: "They're comfortable, casual and relaxing. It's the type of room where you can sit and chat with your friends or lie on the couch in your pyjamas."

The desire for a cheerful family hangout also dictated her white-with-brights palette, which really pops in the new light-filled interior. "With two young boys, I wanted to reflect their personalities, too," she says. "Bright, cheery, happy colours bring it all together." For example, the dining room's artful display of new and antique china and the colourful accents in the master bedroom, which was relocated from the main floor to a huge "bonus room" over the garage.

Lindsey divided up the narrow bedroom by installing a two-sided fireplace, creating a cozy sitting area on one side and a semi-enclosed sleep zone on the other. A luxurious ensuite with majestic views forges a connection with nature and lends a retreat feel.

But to Leigha, it's not just the master suite that feels like a great escape; it's the whole house. "It's a getaway from the rest of busy life," she says. "We wanted something light and calming. It really is as simple and open as the prairie landscape."

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A PERFECT MATCH

With a talented designer by their side, newylwed homeowners were able to make the house of their dreams come true.

TEXT
RHEA SEYMOUR

PHOTOGRAPHY
TRACEY AYTON

OPPOSITE Fresh florals, a covered dish made of bone and a lacquered box are subtle touches in the living room that allow other details, such as the nail-head trim on the armchair, to shine.

DESIGN, Kerrisdale Design, kerrisdale-design.com.

The traditional oil-rubbed bronze chandelier in the dining room provides a welcome contrast to the modern glass table lamps. The large mirror with a distressed antique-white frame is flanked by a set of botanical prints, offering just a hint of colour.

TABLE LAMPS, Crate and Barrel; botanical **PRINTS,** HomeSense.

For most brides, planning a wedding is daunting enough. But when Mimi Yeo was getting ready for her big day, she was also overseeing the construction of a 4,000-square-foot home in Vancouver's leafy Dunbar neighbourhood. To add to the stress level, her fiancé's family was coming from his hometown of Glasgow, Scotland, to stay in the new house during the wedding. Mimi hired a wedding planner to help manage her bridal duties and brought in Karla Amadatsu, principal designer of Kerrisdale Design, for the construction phase of the house to handle every aspect of the new home's interior, from the lighting and fixtures to the millwork and finishes. "There were a lot of decisions to be made," says Mimi. "Karla took what we wanted and visualized it for us."

The couple's dream house was realized: a light, airy abode with rustic European charm inside and out. "We travel to Europe a lot and we really wanted it to have a Tuscan feel but also be modern," says Mimi. "And we didn't want it to feel too precious or new." To create a contemporary home with old-world character, Karla incorporated many elements into the design, including a coffered ceiling and beautiful millwork in the living and dining rooms, iron railings and a rounded front door. "In a new build, these details make the home →

OPPOSITE, FAR LEFT, TOP The large coffee table provides ample space to corral books and unique finds in interesting vignettes.

OPPOSITE, FAR LEFT, BOTTOM The living room, where the young family entertains and relaxes, is comfortably stylish. A traditional sofa with rolled arms and tufting in a neutral linen fabric is a timeless, versatile piece. It gets an update with toss cushions in modern botanical and trellis prints. The flat-woven wool rug in espresso offers an additional layering of pattern. The artwork – a replica of a map of London ("a nice reference to the homeowner's U.K. background," says designer Karla Amadatsu) – was chosen for its complementary colours and aged quality.

Florentine Plaster CC-520 **WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; **COFFEE TABLE, FLOOR LAMP, TOSS CUSHIONS,** Kerrisdale Design; **SOFA,** London **MAP,** Restoration Hardware.

OPPOSITE, FROM TOP The side table perfectly sets off the library-style armchair in the living room; built-in bookshelves hide audio components and create a display place for books and treasured objects; a custom iron railing and crisp white panelling make the staircase a focal point; black and white pieces add a level of depth.

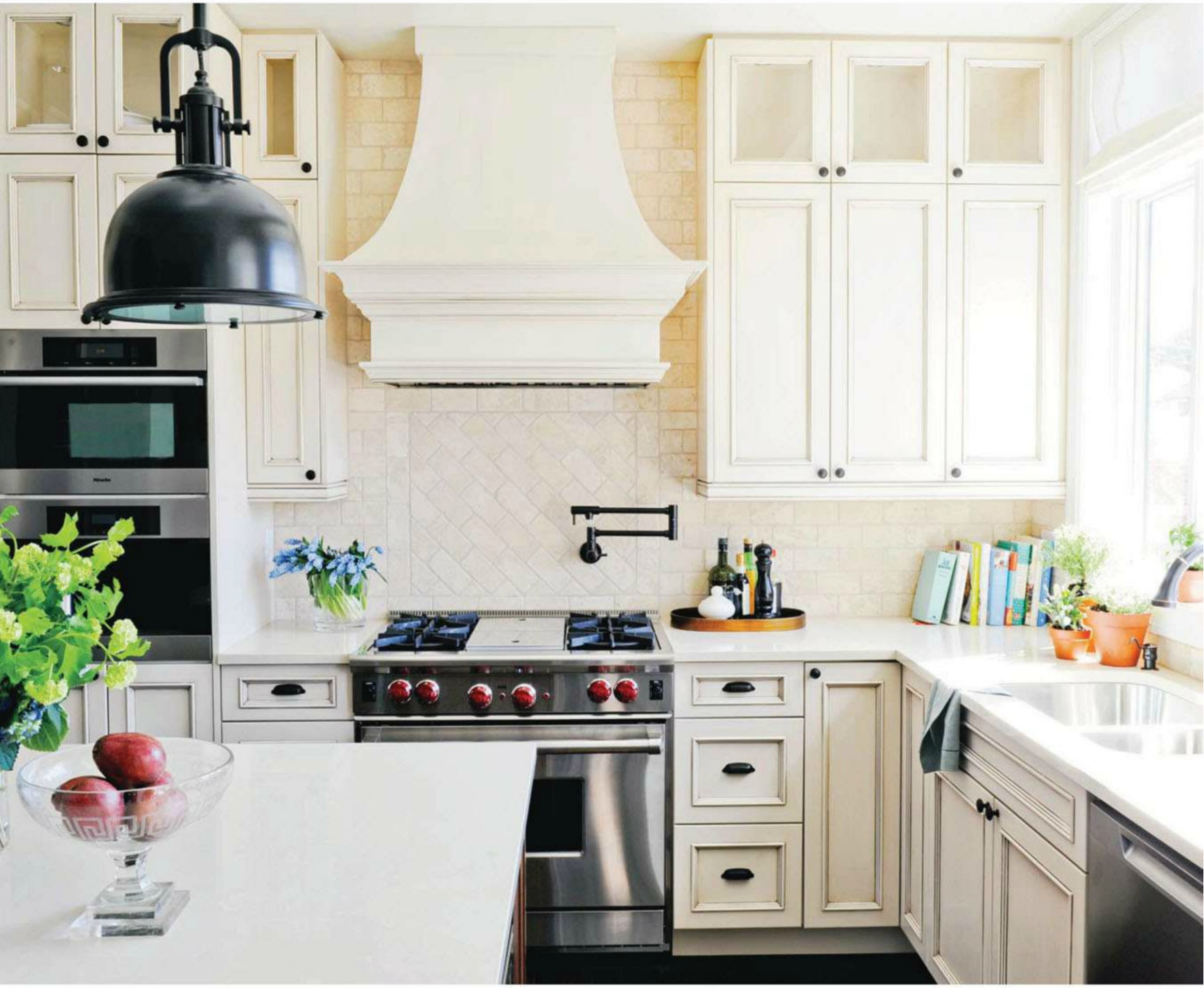
SIDE TABLE, Restoration Hardware; **ARMCHAIR,** Kerrisdale Design.

The reclaimed trestle dining table extends to seat eight. "It's really substantial and not overly sleek," says Karla, "so it feels warm and livable."

Lancaster Whitewash HC-174 **WALL PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; **DINING TABLE, ARMCHAIRS, SIDEBOARD,** Restoration Hardware; **RUG** (similar), West Elm.

Karla's 5 TOP TIPS FOR DECORATING WITH NEUTRALS

• **Build in architectural details** Millwork, panelling and coffered ceilings create visual interest. • **Use textures** Layer different textures together, such as sisal rugs and linen upholstered furniture. • **Pay attention to undertones** When using neutrals together, the undertones in the paint, fabric and wood colours should complement each other to create a serene and harmonious feel. • **Add something old** Mixing in vintage or antique accessories or furniture suggests age, which lends greater character to the space. • **Consider contrast** Every light, neutral space can use a dash of black to bring it to life.



The kitchen blends style and functionality. Antique-ivory panelled cabinetry in a glazed finish lends an aged feel, while oil-rubbed bronze pendant lights, faucets and hardware add character. Since counter space is at a premium, the microwave and coffee maker were both built into the cabinetry.

ABOVE, LEFT & RIGHT Freshly cut muscari in soothing blue-purple pick up on the shades of other blossoms displayed throughout the kitchen, as well as in accents like the cookbooks and bottles of oils and vinegars.

ABOVE, MIDDLE In the nook off the kitchen, classic white Louis-style chairs upholstered in a taupe-grey linen and a traditional oak pedestal table are a simply elegant pairing.

Louis-style **CHAIRS, CHANDELIER,** Kerrisdale Design; **PEDESTAL TABLE** (similar), Pottery Barn.

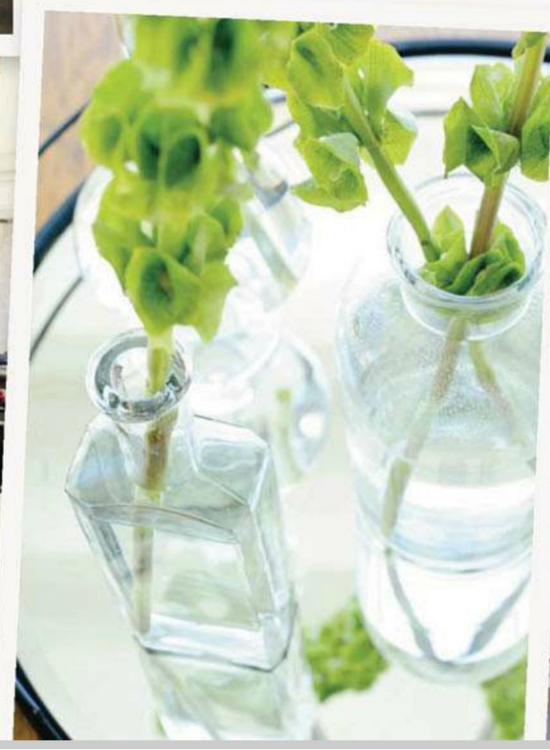
BELOW, RIGHT A large window was conveniently placed right above the stainless steel sink so that homeowner Mimi Yeo could enjoy full views of the outdoors while doing the dishes.

BELOW, MIDDLE A collection of glass vases, filled with tall stems of Bells of Ireland, set in the middle of the pedestal table makes for a fresh centrepiece.

BELOW, LEFT The walnut-stained maple island is equipped with a handy wine fridge and extra storage for kitchen essentials. Guests gather around it and relax on the upholstered linen stools while the couple cooks. Quartz was chosen for the countertops because of its longevity.

PENDANT LIGHTS, Kerrisdale Design; **STOOLS,** Pottery Barn.

LEFT Stainless steel appliances mixed with traditional cabinetry and a travertine-tiled backsplash give the space European flavour.



feel more custom and add a level of age and quality," says Karla.

The designer had a tight deadline of just six weeks to select and purchase all of the furnishings, from the window coverings to the artwork and accessories, in order to meet the couple's July 2011 wedding date. Karla chose classic furniture silhouettes in natural fabrics and finishes that were clean and unfussy to capture a modern European look. She also kept the future in mind, knowing the couple planned to have children (their son was born in April 2012). "I have two young kids and I'm always looking for materials and finishes that are practical," says Karla. "I'm a big fan of cottons and linens and woods that can handle wear and tear – materials that hold up well and are timeless."

For the paint and fabric colours, Mimi wanted a "neutral but not boring" scheme. As a result, Karla used layers of textures, from linen to aged leather, nailhead trim on furnishings and a mix of patterns in the toss cushions and rugs. "Texture and pattern are incredibly important with a neutral palette," says Karla. "Layering them provides interest without shouting at you," she says.

Although the construction wasn't completely finished on time for the special day – not surprising to anyone who has ever built a new house – Karla did manage to get the place decorated to exactly what the couple had envisioned: spacious rooms boasting soft, subtle tones with layer upon layer of texture and pattern for a warm and intimate feel, all wrapped up in a modern-meets-traditional European vibe. It's the perfect union of elements that turned this house into a home.

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OPPOSITE, FAR LEFT, TOP & BOTTOM A pretty vignette on the bedside table features fresh pink roses, books for added texture and a vintage Limoges porcelain dish from Paris. "European references add a bit of history to a new house," says Karla.

BEDSIDE TABLE, Restoration Hardware; **TABLE LAMP,** Kerrisdale Design; vintage **BOOKS & DISH,** Heather Ross [in house].

OPPOSITE, FROM TOP The king-sized linen headboard in the master bedroom is adorned with antique brass nailheads, featuring a diamond-like design in the corners for added interest; bedside tables in aged oak with bronze hardware provide extra storage space and enough heft to balance the size of the bed; punches of black and dark brown – as seen in the home's iron railings and flooring – were carried through to the master bedroom via the convex mirror and bench; the paisley print used on the Euro shams speaks to both masculine and feminine sensibilities.

HEADBOARD, BENCH, paisley **EURO SHAMS,** Kerrisdale Design.

Mixing and matching bedding is one of Karla's tricks to designing a well-loved bedroom. Here, a white Belgian duvet and shams, striped linen boudoir pillow and paisley Euro shams work together to create a luxurious and inviting master retreat.

DUVET COVER, SHAMS, QUILT, Restoration Hardware; **DRAPERY,** Kerrisdale Design.

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putting the NEW in NEUTRAL

Could mauve be the new beige? Toronto designer Harvey Wise puts an unexpected palette to the test.

A classic place setting (shown opposite), traditional custom rug and exquisite chandelier cue guests that this is a formal dining room. Damask fabric on the backs of the chairs plays to the light, giving the neutral palette more interest than it might have on a flat weave.

DESIGN, Harvey Wise Design, harveywise-design.com; Lucien Rollin Merisier Square **DINING TABLE,** Joan Eiley; custom **DINING CHAIRS & DRAPERY,** Harvey Wise Design; Calvin Klein velvet **FABRIC** (on chair fronts), Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; damask **FABRIC** (on chair backs), **DRAPERY FABRIC,** Télio; Victor **CONSOLE,** Elte; Monaco **RUG,** Weavers Art; **MIRROR,** Porta Romana **SCONCE,** South Hill Home; English **VASE,** Cynthia Findlay Antiques; **STEMWARE,** William Ashley.

The emphasis on architecture and palette is evident in the living room. Soft greys and touches of mauve are always in play, flowing from one area of the home to the next.

Custom **CHAIRS, DRAPERY & COFFEE TABLE,** Harvey Wise Design; Lizzo **FABRIC** (on chair backs), Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; Great Plains **FABRIC** (on chair fronts), Primavera; Armani/Casa **DRAPERY FABRIC,** Télio; Nice **RUG,** Weavers Art.

OPPOSITE, TOP Quiet neutrals in cool tones make the vestibule urbane rather than French Country.

Marseille **RUG,** Weavers Art; Lynx **BENCH,** Télio.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM RIGHT Traditional elements, such as this oil painting, these antique boxes and the formal chest on which they sit, are paired with high-design lamps. "Blending old with new lends an eclectic look in keeping with a Parisian apartment," says designer Harvey Wise.

TABLE LAMPS, Decorum Decorative Finds.

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM LEFT The grand foyer sets the tone for the rest of the house with its deep greys, dark purples and moody mauves.

Custom **CHAIRS,** Harvey Wise Design; Robert **FABRIC** (on chair backs), Rochelle **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC,** Telafina; **FABRIC** (on chair fronts), Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; **SIDE TABLE,** Elte.

Ivory, tan and taupe have long been hailed as the mainstays of all the go-with-anything colour schemes. But that didn't stop Toronto designer Harvey Wise from seeing the paler side of purple as a contender. Sophisticated, sultry and slightly more feminine than basic brown shades, mauve and lavender can be combined with greys, mushroom tones and touches of charcoal to lovely effect. "I think of that grey-purple colour as a modern take on neutral, and it can give a home an almost ethereal feel," says Harvey.

The look was a complete departure for the young family that lives in this house in Toronto's Moore Park neighbourhood. "They wanted to reinvent themselves, and were drawn to the idea of a Parisian apartment." The 10-year-old house, though, had been built in French Country style – "and that's definitely not the same thing," says Harvey.

Typically, renovations would have ensued. But the homeowners had opted to forego construction until their three children, all under the age of 10, were a little bit older. So instead, Harvey decided to emphasize the architectural elements of the home that could best be reinterpreted for the Parisian look the couple had in mind. The house's

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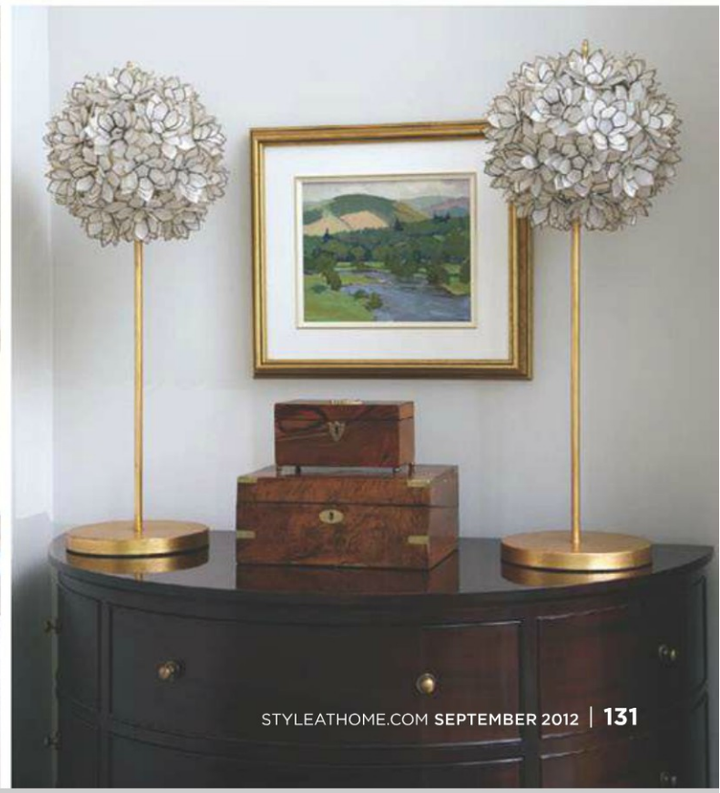

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high ceilings and traditional millwork, for example, were details that would marry nicely with the eclecticism of a French urban approach. "Ultimately, we left the house as is and relied on decorating to do the rest," says Harvey. "No walls were removed. No rooms were added. No finishes were changed. And in that way, the house is an excellent study in what can be done with decorating alone."

To transform the house from simple French Country to Parisian chic, Harvey presented a rich, compelling palette via draperies, light fixtures, furnishings, decor accents and floor coverings. "I was like a kid in a candy store!" says Harvey. "It was so much fun." Leather chairs were first selected for their soft grey-brown hue. Toss cushions were then used to bring in touches of lilac and mauve. And everywhere, dusty-grey-meets-purple accents were added. "The look is modern, but it's not in your face," he adds.

Luxurious fabrics were used to tell the texture story. Damask was chosen for the backs of the dining chairs. Printed velvets on the toss cushions were selected for the family room. And touches of inviting chenille were introduced as well. "Texture has a wonderful way of seducing us into experiencing, as well as seeing, a colour," says Harvey. "It takes a palette and conveys it to the other senses."

To get the look, Harvey says it's key to think of your house as a whole. "You don't need to use exactly the same shades in every room, but it's best if one flows nicely into the next," he maintains. The master bedroom here, he notes, has more pink and mauve than the foyer or family room. "It's not girly, but it's definitely more intimate and more feminine than, say, the dining room. When you walk into the living room, the same combinations of greys, browns and mauves are present, but the distribution is different in a way that's less personal and more artfully urbane." Such is the genius of Harvey's new neutrals. They serve as foreground in one room and backdrop in another for a unique, refined aesthetic. And like any day spent in Paris, it's never, ever boring.

Harvey's neutrals include lots of greys that lean toward mauve. Drama is introduced in the living room in the traditional window coverings that accentuate the 11-foot ceilings and the large-scale painting that lends the room a sense of artful sophistication.

Custom **SOFAS,** Harvey Wise Design; Lizzo **SOFA FABRIC,** Threads **TOSS CUSHION & BOLSTER FABRIC,** Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; **SIDE TABLE,** Baker.

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HARVEY WISE, DESIGNER

In the family room, the neutrals remain but in darker tones. "This is where life happens and where the three children spend most of their time," says Harvey, "so the colours relate to the subtler living room, but it's more family friendly."

Custom **DAYBED & DRAPERY,** Harvey Wise Design; Phillip Jeffries Grasscloth **WALLCOVERING,** Crown Wallpaper & Fabrics; **DRAPERY FABRIC,** Primavera; **DAYBED FABRIC, BOLSTER FABRIC,** Kravet/Lee Jofa Showroom; **CARPET,** Elte.

OPPOSITE The homeowner plays with her youngest in the family room in front of the fireplace mantel that cleverly makes the home seem older than it is.

Bella **SWIVEL CHAIRS,** South Hill Home; **TOSS CUSHION FABRIC,** Primavera; Baker Napoleon Drum **SIDE TABLE,** Studio B.

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sugar
eggs
milk
cinnamon
nutmeg
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vanilla

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PREP TIME **60 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **1½ HOURS** | MAKES **1 CAKE**

- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 8 cups peeled, cored and chopped McIntosh apples
- 2¾ cups cake and pastry flour, sifted
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup apple sauce
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 2 vanilla beans, seeds scraped out, or 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 eggs

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9" fluted cake pan; set aside. Stir together the sugar and cinnamon in a large bowl; add the apples and toss to coat. Set aside.

In another large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. In a smaller bowl, whisk together the oil, apple sauce, sugar, orange juice and vanilla seeds.

Pour the wet ingredients over the dry and stir to combine (the mixture will be thick). Add the eggs, one at a time, stirring well after each addition. Pour half of the batter into the prepared cake pan. Spread half of the apple mixture over the top. Cover with the remaining batter, then top with the remaining apple mixture. Bake for 1½ hours, or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean.

BAKED APPLES WITH CRUMBLE TOPPING

PREP TIME **30 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **1 HOUR** | SERVES **8**

FRUIT

- 10 cups diced apples, such as Granny Smith
- Juice of half a lemon
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon

TOPPING

- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup large-flake rolled oats
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup chilled unsalted butter, cut into cubes
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Stir the apples and lemon juice together in a baking dish. Sprinkle with the sugar and cinnamon; toss to combine. Bake the apples for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the topping. Stir together the brown sugar, oats, flour, salt and cinnamon in a large bowl. Using your fingertips, blend the butter into the mixture until it forms pea-sized lumps. Stir in the pecans.

Remove the dish from the oven and sprinkle the brown sugar topping over the apples. Return the dish to the oven for an additional 30 minutes. Serve the crumble warm with ice cream.

OLD-FASHIONED CARAMEL APPLES

PREP TIME **20 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **20 MINUTES** | MAKES **10 CARAMEL APPLES**

- 10 large apples, washed and dried
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 cup corn syrup
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Insert a wooden stick into the top of each apple; set on the baking sheet and place in the refrigerator while preparing the caramel.

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, melt together the brown sugar and granulated sugar, the butter, whipping cream, corn syrup and salt. Stirring frequently, bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring often, for 18 to 20 minutes, or until the temperature reaches 230°F on a candy thermometer (the caramel will thicken and darken in colour). Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla. Allow the caramel to cool for 5 minutes.

Working quickly, hold each apple by the stick and dip it carefully into the caramel sauce; place on the baking sheet. Return the baking sheet to the refrigerator and chill until the caramel is set, about 15 minutes.

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CLASSIC MINI APPLE PIES

PREP TIME **60 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **18 MINUTES** | MAKES **6 MINI PIES**

PIE CRUST

- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 cup chilled unsalted butter, cut into 1-inch cubes
- ¼ to ½ cup ice water
- 1 egg yolk

FILLING

- 5 Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled and chopped
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 tbsp chilled unsalted butter, cut into 6 cubes

To make the crust, blend the flour, salt and sugar in a food processor until combined. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse meal. With the processor running, slowly pour in the ice water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the dough just comes together. Do not overprocess. Remove the dough from the processor and mix by hand until well blended.

Roll out the dough to ¼" thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut six 6" circles from the dough. Set the remaining dough aside to decorate the tops of the pies as desired. Press each circle into the bottom and up the sides of a 4" ramekin. Refrigerate until ready to fill.

Preheat the oven to 425°F. For the filling, combine the apples, brown and granulated sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a large bowl. Spoon the pie filling evenly into the prepared ramekins and top each pie with a cube of butter. Cover with the remaining dough and decorate as desired.

In a small bowl, whisk the egg yolk with 1 tablespoon water. Brush the tops of the pies with the egg wash. Bake for 16 to 18 minutes, or until juices begin to bubble.

HEALTHY APPLE BREAKFAST MUFFINS

PREP TIME **20 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **35 MINUTES** | MAKES **12 MUFFINS**

- 1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1 cup plain fat-free yogurt
- 2 cups shredded peeled apple
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup fat-free milk
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¾ cup whole-wheat flour
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ⅔ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ½ tsp salt
- ¾ cup chopped dried apricots or dried cranberries

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Combine the oats and yogurt in a medium bowl and let stand for 5 to 10 minutes. Whisk together the apple, eggs, milk, oil and vanilla in a separate bowl. Add the apple mixture to the yogurt mixture and stir to blend.

In a large bowl, sift together the flours, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Pour the yogurt mixture over the dry ingredients and sprinkle with the dried apricots. Stir until just combined. Spoon the mixture into muffin cups or a greased muffin tin and bake for 35 minutes, until the tops are brown.

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- 1/3 cup (80 mL) lime juice
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- 1 bottle (355 mL) **VH® Korean BBQ Sauce**
- 2 1/2 lb. (1.1 kg) Korean style beef short ribs
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1. Place green onions, lime juice, **VH® Soya Sauce**, 1 cup (250 mL) **VH® Korean BBQ Sauce** and ribs in a large sealable plastic freezer bag. Seal and massage marinade into beef to cover completely.

2. Marinate beef in refrigerator for at least 8 hours, but preferably overnight.

3. Spray grill with **PAM® Grilling Spray** and heat to high. Remove ribs from bag and discard marinade.

4. Place ribs on grill and cook for 3 minutes and until beef is seared with grill marks. Turn meat over and continue to grill on the second side while basting generously with remaining sauce, another 3 minutes. Remove from grill and serve immediately. Serve with rice and your favourite vegetables.

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MINI APPLE GALETTES

PREP TIME **40 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **20 MINUTES** | MAKES **8 GALETTES**

FILLING

1 cup 2% milk
½ vanilla bean
3 egg yolks
¼ cup granulated sugar
2 tbsp all-purpose flour
¼ cup whipping cream

CRUST

1 450-g package frozen puff pastry, defrosted

TOPPING

6 medium Granny Smith apples, sliced crosswise
2 tbsp granulated sugar
⅛ tsp cinnamon
Icing sugar and whipped cream for garnish

To prepare the filling, place the milk in a saucepan. Split the vanilla bean and add the seeds and pod into the milk. Bring the mixture to a simmer over low heat; remove the pan from the heat, cover and let infuse for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, beat the egg yolks and the sugar in a medium bowl with an electric hand mixer until pale and frothy. Beat in the flour. Remove the vanilla bean pod from the milk and gradually whisk the milk into the egg mixture. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and return to the stovetop. Bring to a boil and cook for 1 minute.

Remove the pan from the heat and carefully pour the egg mixture into a medium bowl; cover with plastic wrap; set aside to cool. When the mixture is cool, whip the cream and gently fold it into the egg mixture.

While the filling is chilling, prepare the crust. Unfold the defrosted puff pastry onto a lightly floured surface and cut into 8 rounds. Place the pastry rounds onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone mat. Using a large spatula, spread a thin layer of cream filling (about 1 heaping tablespoon for each) onto the pastry rounds, leaving a 1" border around the edges; refrigerate the pastries for about 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Place the apples in a large bowl and toss with the sugar and cinnamon. Layer the apple pieces on top of the pastry rounds. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the apples are browned and the pastry is puffed and golden.

SAUCY APPLE DUMPLINGS

PREP TIME **30 MINUTES** | COOK TIME **45 MINUTES** | MAKES **8 DUMPLINGS**

1½ cups granulated sugar
2 cups water
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
¼ cup + 3 tbsp unsalted butter cut into 8 small cubes
1 recipe pie crust dough from Classic Mini Apple Pies
8 medium apples, peeled and cored
½ cup brown sugar

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring the sugar, water, cinnamon and nutmeg to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat to medium-low and let simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the saucepan from the heat and stir in ¼ cup butter. Set aside.

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Roll out the dough to ¼" thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut eight 8" circles from the dough. Place 1 apple in the centre of each pastry circle. Sprinkle the apples evenly with the brown sugar and top each with 1 cube of butter.

Fold the dough up over the apples, pinching to seal. Place the dumplings in a lightly greased baking dish and drizzle with the syrup. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until the apples are soft and cooked through.

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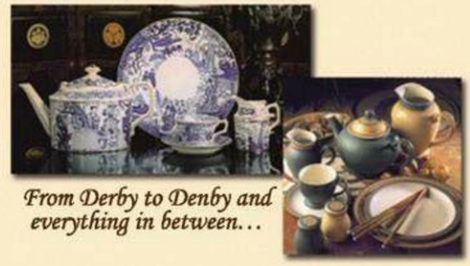

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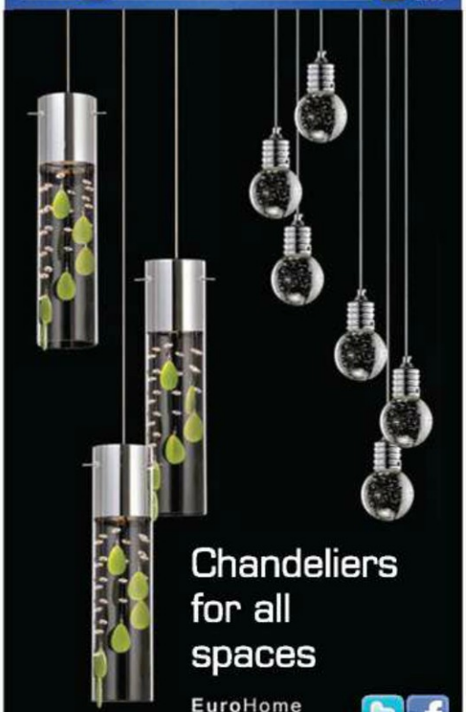

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outdoor entertaining essentials

season swap **FROM PAGE 64**

SUMMER

FALL

make the switch

Reflect the season's change in your table setting with palette and texture. Juicy brights, such as raspberry and citrine, give way to warm, weathered neutrals, such as cream and grey. Rustic linen and burlap, which lend a cozy feel, replace lightweight cotton table linens. Even the dinnerware moves away from delicate, coloured glass, perfect for summer's fresh fruit and sorbets, to heavier china, better suited to fall's hearty fare.

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perfect pairings

sweet temptation **FROM PAGE 136**

Southbrook Triomphe Cabernet Merlot, Ontario, $23

Flat Rock Cellars Twisted White, Ontario, $10

Bonterra Chardonnay, California, $19

Trivento Malbec, Argentina, $11

Wine expert Angela Aiello selects four matches for our "Sweet Temptation" menu (page 136).

style news

project of the month **FROM PAGE 33**

Style at Home managing editor and resident crafter Catherine Therrien shows you how to create this chic gold rotary phone.

MATERIALS

Vintage rotary phone
1 can metallic gold spray paint
1 steel wool scrubber

1 Remove all unneccessary hardware from the phone, including the cords and cables. Remove the dial piece and set aside. **2** Scrub the outside of the phone with steel wool until you have dulled the finish. **3** If the rotary phone is a dark colour, give it a coat of spray primer. **4** Apply two even coats of the metallic gold spray paint to the phone, receiver and dial and let dry between coats, as per the instructions on the can. The best way to spray paint the receiver is to hang it by its cord, then discard the cord when finished.

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BOSTON

Assistant editor Amanda Etty took one step into this historic city and was instantly charmed by the winding cobblestone streets and storied architecture. A perfect weekend destination, Boston offers plenty to see, do, eat and drink!

SHOP HUDSON

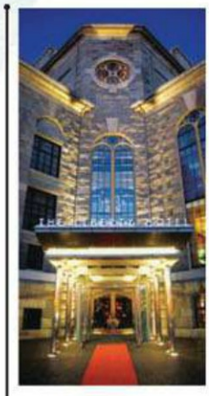
Owner and designer Jill Goldberg has a knack for mixing modern furniture and accessories from brands like Oly and Dunes and Duchess with vintage artifacts found at the Brimfield Antique and Collectibles Show, making this shop a design lover's paradise.

12 Union Park St., hudson-boston.com.

EAT & DRINK SOUTH END BUTTERY

Although it's known for its excellent coffee, the South End Buttery offers full meals, including breakfast, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. I tried their hearty oatmeal terrine – a recommendation from *Style at Home* design editor Jessica Waks.

314 Shawmut Ave., southendbuttery.com.



STAY THE LIBERTY HOTEL

Located at the foot of Beacon Hill, the Liberty Hotel was once the Charles Street Jail. Among other preserved historic features are the old jail cells within the hotel lobby bar, as well as the magnificent oversized windows.

215 Charles St., libertyhotel.com.

SHOP LEKKER

This housewares boutique is owned by Amsterdam native Natalie van Dijk Carpenter, which might explain the shop's huge selection of European-designed inventory. My favourite find? Shapely ceramic salt and pepper bowls from Pigeon Toe ($54 US).

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Set in a large Parisian-style courtyard, Patch NYC offers the best in boho-chic treasures, including Astier de Villatte tableware from Paris, Pendleton blankets and Waylande Gregory ceramics. The owners, John Ross and Don Carney, are accomplished international artists whose creative spirit is evident throughout the shop.

The Courtyard at 46 Waltham St., patchnyc.com.

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Classic Balustrade **TABLE LAMP,** $630 US, Circa Lighting, circalighting.com.

the inspiration

Designer Karla Amadatsu of Kerrisdale Design injected the master bedroom of Mimi Yeo's Vancouver home with plenty of neutrals but kept the look interesting by using an array of finishes and materials.

last LOOK

Every issue, we pick our favourite piece from one of the featured interiors. This month, we chose a classic alabaster table lamp from Mimi Yeo's European-inspired dream home (see "A Perfect Match," page 120). **Here's what you need to know.**

WHY WE LOVE IT

Classically styled from top to bottom, this alabaster table lamp enchants us with its soft white translucent finish, curvy shape reminiscent of a baluster and simple natural drum shade.

WHY IT WORKS

This table lamp is the perfect match for today's traditional interiors because of its neutral tone and timeless quality yet still feels right at home in contemporary settings.

WHERE TO USE IT

For a captivating look display as a pair (on a sideboard, for instance), but if you have just one, use it on a chest of drawers or an entryway table to complement other lighting sources.

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